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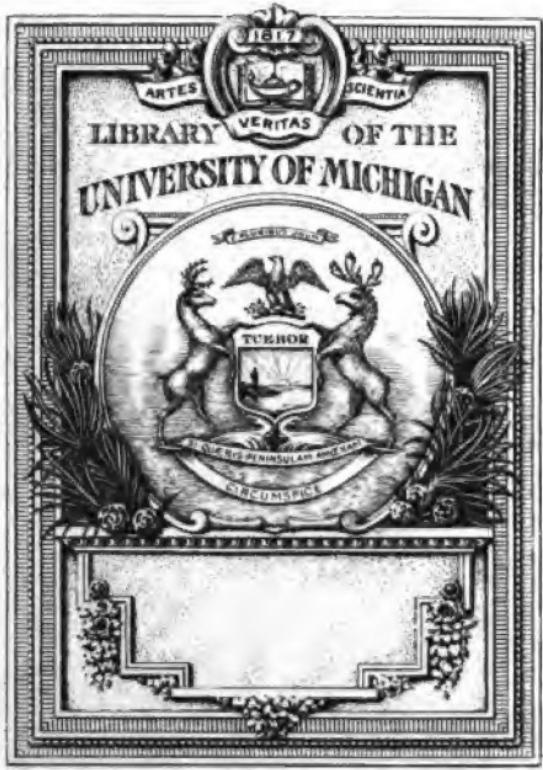
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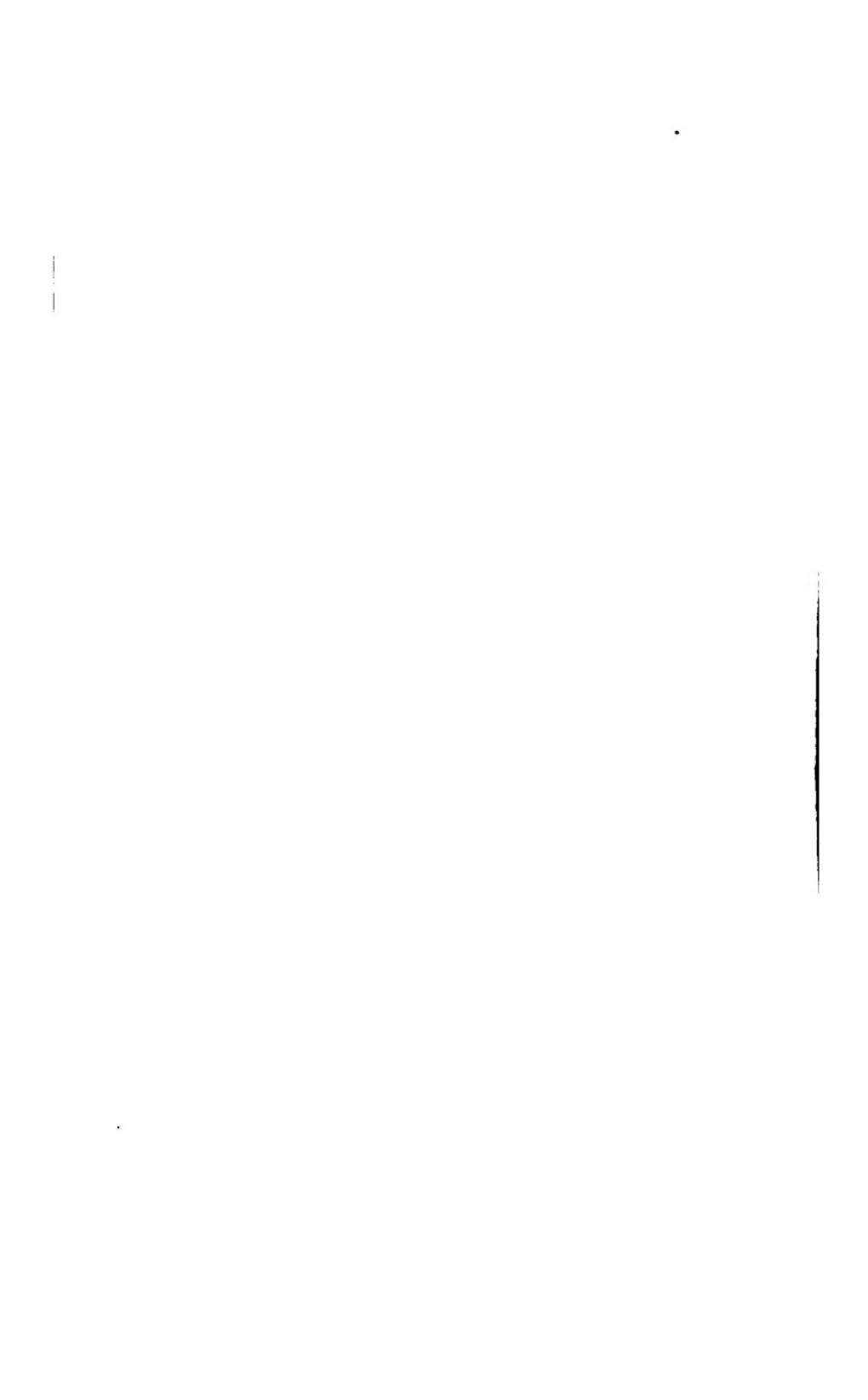
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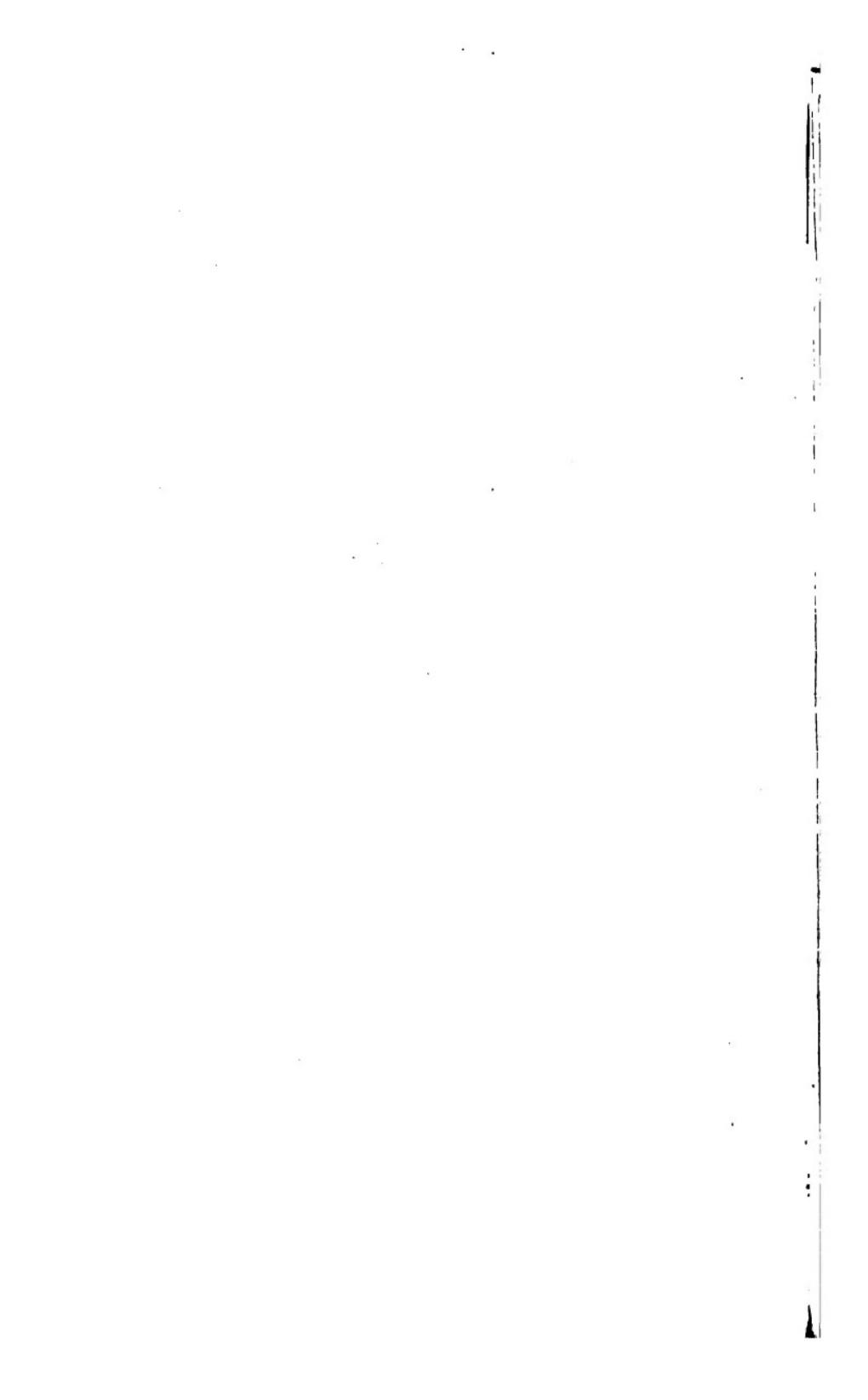
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THE
Sibylline Oracles

Translated from the
Best GREEK Copies,

And compar'd with the

Sacred PROPHESIES,

Especially with

Daniel and the Revelations,

AND

With so much HISTORY as plainly
shews, That many of the SIBYL's Pre-
dictions are exactly fulfill'd.

WITH

ANSWERS to the OBJECTIONS
usually made against them.

— sed cunctis deniq; factis
Tum recoletis me, neq; dixerit amplius ullus,
In sanam, magnam sed vatem numinis alti.
Sibyl. Orac. lib. 3.

By Sir JOHN FLOYER, Knight.

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TO THE
Right Reverend Father in God,
J O H N,
Lord Bishop of
Litchfield and Coventry.

MY LORD,



Ince your Lordship was pleas'd
to lend me the Editions of the
Sibylline Oracles by Opsopæus and Gallæus, I think
my self oblig'd to acknowledge
that Favour by this Dedication, and to beg
your Judgment in this great Controversy
betwixt the modern Critics and the learned
Fathers of the Christian Church, whose
Opinion I have here undertaken to defend,
That the Sibylline Oracles are true Pro-
phesies; but the Critics call them the For-
geries of the Gnostics in the second Cen-

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tury. It appears by those Critics Comments, they did not understand the Subject of these Prophesies; and it was impossible that they could, so long as they apply'd them to the Histories before the second Century, whereas most of them belong to the changes in the Christian Church and Roman Empire, which happen'd after the second Century.

My Lord, I here present to you in these Oracles the old Antediluvian Religion, and all the Moral Precepts communicated to Japhet's Family, which also contain many Prophesies concerning the Changes which would happen in the Kingdoms of Japhet's Posterity; so that we do not wholly derive all our Religion and Learning from the Jews, who convers'd formerly very rarely with the Gentiles, among whom they were but little known before their Captivity. When the Chaldeans, Ægyptians and Greeks had corrupted the Noachic Traditions of Religion, by applying their Sacrifices and Prayers to the Sun, Moon, and Heroes, which were appointed for God's Service, it pleas'd God to inspire the Sibyls, that they might restore the true ancient Worship to God alone, and correct all the Errors from the old moral Precepts by these Oracles: The Jewish Men-Prophets, near the same time, reform'd the Corruptions

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ons which Idolatry had introduc'd among them; but Women-Prophetesses were sent to the Gentiles, because they used Women in their Heathen Oracles; and they could be least suspected by them for setting up any new Sect in Philosophy, or Religion.

My Lord, I have given you a short Scheme of the Design of these Oracles; and that I may obtain your Lordship's better Opinion of them, I will add a few Observations concerning the Use that may be made of them.

In these Oracles we have a clear Proof of the Christian Religion; and both the Greek and Latin Fathers, in all their Disputes with the Gentiles, and their Apologies for the Christian Religion for four hundred Years, quoted these Oracles; therefore I think the Critics have unjustly rejected them in this Age. Since we believe the same Fathers Testimony concerning the Canon of Scripture, we cannot disbelieve 'em, when they unanimously say, that these Oracles had a divine Inspiration; and since they particularly describ'd the Changes in the Roman Empire, they could not omit the Coming of Christ, and the Changes his Doctrin made in their Idolatrous Worship. But I will give this farther Reason of my good Opinion of these Oracles; the same

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*History will interpret both the Oracles and Revelations, for they plainly relate those things which St. John express'd in Prophe-
tic Figures. This is the old Key the Fa-
thers used, by which they interpreted the
Revelations, as far as they could carry it ;
but since their Time Antichrist is come in
the East, and the Christian Church is cor-
rupted in the West, and both these will have
their Falls in that manner as is describ'd in
these Oracles ; and this is the Subject of
them, which has hitherto not been under-
stood.*

*Because I am none of your Lordship's
Clergy, I will give you this Account how I
was led into this Study of Prophecies : I
had long consider'd the Chinese Symbols,
by which their Observations on the Pulses are
represented ; and this dispos'd my Thoughts
to an easy Apprehension of the Symbols us'd
in the Revelations and Old Prophets ;
and when I had compar'd St. John's Sym-
bols with the civil History of the Romans
and that of the Church, I found those E-
vents which the Visions represented ; and
after I had compar'd the same History with
these Oracles, that gave me a true notion
of them. And the agreement of both the
Revelations and Oracles in the same Hi-
story, prove, that I am not mistaken in my
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Interpretation of them : But, without the help of these Oracles, we cannot so certainly find the Histories which we must apply to the Predictions in the Revelations ; and all Interpretations of the Revelations that are made without the help of these Oracles, will be but uncertain Conjectures. Since both the Revelations and these Oracles came by the Inspiration of the same Spirit, they were design'd to explain one another ; and they must needs agree, because both were to represent the Civil and Ecclesiastical State of the Roman Empire, which must end in the Kingdom of Saints in the Millennium.

I have here pursued the old Method of the first Christians in comparing and interpreting the Revelations, by the help of these Oracles ; and so far as past Events have directed me, I have endeavour'd to improve it ; but because many things are yet to come, they can only be understood when future Events shall explain them. The great design of all Prophesies is, to confirm some holy Doctrin, and to bear witness to its divine Inspiration, in those Ages when the Events shall come to pass. If then the Oracles describe the Turks Conquests of Asia, Greece, and Ægypt, and the Reformation, as I shall plainly prove ;

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the Worship of One GOD, the History and Worship of CHRIST, the Return of the Jews, the Doctrin of CHRIST's reign in the Millennium, are divine Truths reveal'd to us in these Oracles. And since the Reformation is foretold in these Prophecies, all Protestants ought to endeavour to vindicate the Credit of them, and to adhere to the Doctrin of the Reform'd Churches, here approv'd of by a Prophetic Spirit. Your Lordship's Learning makes you a proper Judge of this Subject, and since that is divine, it ought to be presented by me to your Patronage; which I beg of your Lordship, who am

Your most obedient

and humble Servant,

Litchfield,
Octob. 16.
1713.

JOHN FLOYER.

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I Think 'tis necessary to premise some Observations concerning the number of the *Sibyls*, and the time they liv'd in, and the burning and collection of the *Sibylline* Oracles : I will afterwards consider the ancient Testimonies, to prove that there were many Inspired Women amongst the *Gentiles*, and that they publish'd their Prophesies in some Eastern Language; and I will lastly explain the *Symbolical Characters* us'd in the Oracles, and conclude this Preface with some Observations concerning the *Usefulness* of these Prophesies in explaining the *Revelations*.

By way of Postscript, I will add an Extract out of the Fathers concerning the Return of the Jews, *Antichrift*, and the *Millennium*, which they took out of these Oracles, and make a large Parallel betwixt the *Oracles* and *Revelations*, and so conclude with an Answer to the Objections against these Oracles, made by *Opsopœus*, *Is. Vossius*, and *du Pin*; adding some Chronology about the *Saracens*, and ancient History of the *Turks*, by which both the *Oracles* and *Revelations* will be better understood.

i. Concerning the Number of the *Sibyls* the Critics disagres: Some will have but one,

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one ; but since *Sibylla* signifies a *Prophetess*, and all the Critics allow that there were many Prophetesses amongst the *Gentiles*, this Dispute is only nominal ; and I think, by the Authority of *Lactantius*, we may conclude, that their number was ten ; for *Varro*, as he is quoted by *Lactantius*, names ten *Sibyls*, i. the *Persian or Chaldean*, mention'd by *Nicanor* ; 2. the *Libyan*, mention'd by *Euripides* ; 3. the *Delphica* ; 4. the *Cimmeria in Italy* ; 5. the *Erythrean*, who foretold the Destruction of *Troy* ; 6. the *Sarmian* ; 7. the *Cumana*, call'd *Herophile*, who brought nine Books to *Tarquinius Priscus*, of which she burnt all but three, and these perish'd with the Capitol 83 Years before Christ ; 8. the *Hellestiaca*, born in *Marpesia*, in the time of *Cyrus* ; 9. *Phrygia*, who prophesied at *Ancyra* ; 10. *Albunaa, or Tiburtina*. *Elian* reckons ten *Sibyls*, and *Suidas* gives the Names of the ten, but they differ from *Varro's* ; and 'tis probable some *Sibyls* had different Names, as, the *Babylonian* is call'd *Erythrea* : *Chaldaica*, *Persica*, *Judaica*, *Sambatbe*, are probably the same.

2. As to the time in which the several *Sibyls* liv'd, I find these Observations collected by *Opopeus* : The *Sibyl at Delphos* was a *Phrygian*, ancienter than *Orpheus* ; one *Sibyl* liv'd in the time of the Jewish Judges ; the *Cumean*, in the time of *Amasis* ; the *Sarmian*, in the time of *Josiah* ; there was a *Sibyl* in *Samos*, in the time of *Darius Astyages*. The *Sibylla Cumana* prophesied in the fiftieith Olym-

Olympiad, or fifty-fourth. The *Delphica* is the ancientest Sibyl, and liv'd before the *Trojan War*; *Homer* borrow'd many of her Verses; the *Erythraean* after the *Trojan War*, and she prophesied that the *Lesbians* should loose the dominion of the Seas long before it happen'd; the *Helleponiaca* liv'd in the 60 Olympiad, the *Libyca* before the 80 Olympiad, the *Perfica Sibylla* in the 120 Olympiad; she writ particularly of Christ as God.

St. *Jerome* affirms, that the *Erythraean Sibyl* was in the time of *Romulus*, and the *Samian Herophile* in the time of *Numa*, or *Ho-stilius*. St. *Augustin* says, the *Cumean Sibyl* Lib. 18, was in *Numa's* time, when *Manasses* slew *E-saias*; and he says, the *Erythraean* was in *Romulus's* days; and *Flaccianus* the *Roman Pro-consul*, when he discours'd of Christ with him, shew'd him a Greek Copy of the *Sibylla Erythrea*'s Verses; but he says, some place the *Erythraean* in the time of the *Trojan Wars*.

That the Sibyls were before *Homer* is probable, because he took some of their Verses, as *Guil. Canterus* testifies, *Homerus multis in locis, ut aperte constat, Sibyllam sit imitatus, ejusq; hemistichia multa sua poesi inseruerit*. This Authority is sufficient to oppose *Gallaeus*, who thinks the Sibyls stole some *Hemistichia* from *Homer*: The plainness of the Sibyls Stile is a true sign of their Antiquity, and pureness of *Homer's*, a proof of later Ages.

3. Concerning the burning and fresh collection of the *Sibylline Oracles*, *Tacitus* says,
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After the burning of the Capitol, the *Sibylline* Verses were brought from *Samos, Ilium, Erythris, Africa, Sicily, Italy*. These Books, *Pliny* says, were burnt in *Sylla's* time (*i. e. 83 Years before Christ*) ; after the new collection they remain'd at *Rome*, till the time of *Honorius* and *Theodosius junior*, and then *Stilico* being about to raise a Sedition, burnt 'em. The *Romans* brought 1000 of these Verses to *Rome*, after rebuilding the *Capitol*.

Suetonius gives this account, That *Augustus* burnt 2000 Prophesies whose Authority was uncertain, *Ac solos rerinuit Sibyllinos, boscq; delectu habito.*

Lactantius quotes those Verses which relate to one God, and they are the same as we now read in the *Sibylline* Books ; they were common to all Men ; and these were the Verses of the *Erythraean* Sibyl; none were conceal'd by the *Romans* but those of the *Cumaean* Sibyl : The reason of keeping these from the Vulgar was, the *Cumaean* Sibyl foretold the Destruction of *Rome* and its Empire and Idolatrous Religion, in the 8th Book of the Oracles.

But besides these *Sibylline* Oracles, there were kept in the Capitol some Heathen Oracles prescrib'd by the *Pythia*, and the suggestion of the Devil at *Delphos*, and these were promoters of Idolatry, and from these the *Romans* learnt which of the *Heathen Gods* were to be worship'd, and what Sacrifices were to be perform'd in Earthquakes, Wars, Seditions, Famines, &c. but the *Sibylline* Oracles

racles condemn'd all Idolatry. That this distinction must be made, is plain by the beginning of the 4th Book,

— *dictata à nomine magno,
Non oracula quidem dantis mendacia Phœbi.*

And 'tis evident by the *Roman Histories* that they consulted the Oracles for Predictions as well as their idolatrous Worship, upon great occasions ; and the true Predictions could be found only in the *Sibylline* Oracles.

Cicero mentions two sorts of Priests, one, Cic. lib. 2. d.
legibus. *quod præsit ceremoniis & sacris*; the other, *quod interpretur fatidicorum, & vatum fata in-*
cognita. There were many collections of these Oracles ; the first was of 1000 Verses, by those the Senate sent into the East ; a second in *Augustus's* time, and a third in *Tiberius's* reign, as Mr. *Eachard* affirms ; a new Volume of the *Sibyls* Books was receiv'd in the third Year of our Saviour's Ministry, and added to the rest by a Decree of the Senate of *Rome*, but not well relish'd by the Emperor *Tiberius* : For this he quotes *Tacitus* and *Dion* ; therefore this Collection was not perfected till *Augustus* and *Tiberius's* time. The *Romans* permitted none to see the *Cumean* Sibyl but the fifteen Men appointed, and the Oracles were not consulted without a Decree of the Senate : And since none of the *Sibylline* Oracles were conceal'd in the Capitol but the *Cumean*, none were lost by the Burning, but that.

4. I will next prove, that there were some inspir'd Women among the *Gentiles*.

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Since *Noah* liv'd in both Worlds, that before, and that after the Flood, he and his Children did convey the History, Customs, Manners, and Religion of the *Antediluvian World* to their Posterity, who dividing themselves into three Kingdoms, carried those Traditions and Precepts with 'em into all Parts ; *Sem* into the East, *Japhet* into the West, and *Cham* into the South : Thus all Arts, Sciences, and Religion were convey'd into every Country. But when these Traditions were corrupted by Idolatry, and other Wickednesses, God sent the old Prophets to the *Jews*, to reform their Idolatrous Worship and Manners; and among *Japhet's* Posterity some Prophetesses were sent, to warn them against Idolatry and all sorts of Vice ; these the *Grecians*, in the *Aeolic Dialect*, call'd *Sibyls* ; and the Devil, in imitation of these, made use of Women in his Oracles.

That some Women were inspir'd among the *Jews*, is evident from Scripture ; *Deborah* (*Judg. 4.*) ; *Miriam* the Sister of *Moses*, (*Exod. 22*). *Huldah* under *Josiah* : *Elizabeth*, *Anna* the Virgin ; *Mary*, and the Daughters of *Philip*.

That there were many inspir'd Women among the *Gentiles*, appears by the Histories of all Nations : *Plato*, in his *Phædrus*, calls the *Sibyls* *Prophetesses*. *Aristotle* (*Probl. 30*) says the *Sibyls* were inspir'd, and, that one liv'd in a Cave at *Cuma* in *Italy*.

Diodor. Siculus affirms, that the *Sibyl* was actuated by the Spirit of God, and the Name
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Sibyl signifies being full of God ; and, that Homer borrow'd many of his Verses of *Daphne*, a Sibyl, who liv'd at the taking of *Thebes*.

Strabo calls the *Erythrean Sibyl* μαρτυρίου γυνή, and another Sibyl was born in the same place, call'd *Athenais*, she liv'd in Alexander's time.

Plutarch observ'd, that the Sibyls predicted the Destruction of Cities, the Irruption of the Armies of Barbarians, the Eversion of Empire, which came to pass in *Greece*; and the Eruption of *Aetna* was foretold by 'em, which came lately to pass, and destroy'd many Cities.

Pausanias says, that *Herophile* of *Marpesia* in *Phrygia* foretold the *Trojan War*, and its Event : She liv'd most in *Samos*, and prophesied at *Delphos*, and was *furens divina spiritu afflata*.

Cicero, *de Divinatione*, mentions two sorts of Divination, one by Fury, by which the *Sibylline Oracles* were made; the second by Sleep. Varro, Virgil, Ovid, and Tacitus acknowledg the Sibyls, and Juvenal mentions the *Cumean*. Pliny acknowledges the Divinity of the Sibyls.

The Apostolic Constitutions quote the Lib. 5, of the 4th Book of the *Sibylline Oracles*, to prove Martyrs. the Resurrection, in these words, which are thus translated : *And when all things shall be reduc'd to Dust and Ashes, and the Immortal God, who kindled the Fire, shall have quench'd it, God shall form those Bones and Ashes into Man again, and shall place mortal Men as they were*

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were before ; and then shall be the Judgment, wherein God shall do Justice. If therefore the Prophets confesses the Resurrection, and does not deny the restoration of all things, and distinguishes the Godly from the Ungodly, 'tis in vain for them to deny our Doctrin.

Antiq. lib. i. b. 6. Josephus quotes the Sibylline Oracles concerning the building the Tower of Babylon, and says, 'twas thrown down by the Winds, as the Oracles say : And he says the Sibyls speak of the Confusion of Tongues. These Accounts are still in our Copy of the Oracles. That the Books we have of the Sibyls are the same as were providentially collected by the Romans, appears by the Testimony of the ancient Writers, who quote many parts of 'em against the Gentiles, as Justin Martyr, Theophilus Antiochenus, Athenagoras, Cl. Alexandrinus, Firmianus, Lactantius, Eusebius, St. Austin, &c.

Justin Martyr tells the Greeks, they may find the true Religion in the ancient Babylonian Sibyl, who came to Cumæ, and there gave her Oracles, which Plato admir'd, as divine; and tho' they foretold many great things, they did not understand 'em ; and for this cause their Verses are imperfect, or because the hearers mistook 'em : And they plainly foretold the coming of Jesus Christ, by which means the Gentiles were more easily converted. He concludes that the Prophets, by a divine afflatus, can best instruct us concerning God and the true Religion.

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Clem. *Alexandrinus* quotes *Heracitus*, who says the Sibyls were inspir'd by God. He says, St. *Paul* quoted the Sibyls.

Theophilus quotes the Sibyls, to prove that Lib. 2, ad Au there would be more Gods than Men, if the *tolicum*. Gods generated: And *Athenagoras* quotes the Sibyls, in his Embassy to *Antoninus* for the *Christians*. Both these, as well as *Justin* and *C. Alexandrinus*, liv'd in the second Century, and all quoted the Oracles as divine Prophesies.

St. *Austin* says, the Sibyls, *Orpheus*, and *Homer*, spoke truly of God and his Son.

Since the Inspiration of the Sibyls is so well attested by all the *Greek* and *Roman* Writers, and all the Fathers of the four first Centuries, I think these Oracles have a sufficient Testimony, on which we may depend. This will be farther prov'd by the Prophe-sies of certain Events which have come to pass, and that will convince the most Incredulous, that these Oracles had a Divine O-
riginal.

St. *Austin* farther says, 'Tis no Error to believe that to some of the *Gentiles* the My- lib. 18, ch. 23 stery of Christ was reveal'd, and they were of the City o inspir'd by the Spirit of Prophecy to declare it. And he says of the *Erythrean* Sibyl, she wrote some apparent Prophe-sies of Christ; and he makes her a Citizen of God's City.

5. I observe, that *Greek* was not the ori-
ginal Language in which the Oracles were
given, but some *Eastern* Language, from
which there were divers *Greek* Translations;
for the *Sibylline* Verses in *Lactantius* differ
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from those in *Opfopens* in many words, from whence I may conjecture, that there were different Greek Copies of them, which would not have happen'd if that had been the Original. The *Erythrean Sibyl*, who wrote the three first Books, came from *Babylon*, and therefore 'tis probable she writ in *Chaldee*, *Syriac*, or *Hebrew*; and the Names of *God*, *Sabaotb*, *Adonai*, and the Words *Cherubim* and *Belial*, are true signs of its being a Translation, because we do not change proper Names in a Translation. And in Book II. we find these Names, *Moses*, *Abraham*, *Isaac*, *Jacob*, *Iasus*, *Daniel*, *Elias*, *Ambacum*, *Jonas*.

Since these Oracles were collected from *Africa*, *Sicily*, *Italy*, as well as *Samos*, *Ilium*, *Erythris*, they might probably be writ in the Language of those Countries; besides, the numeral Letters in the Name of *God* will not agree with any *Greek* we know of. The *Hebrew* Prophets writ in different Stiles; and since there were many Sibyls of different Countries, they could not write in the same Dialect and Stile in which we find the Oracles. We may observe the *Latin* Translation in many places not so fully expressing the Sense in the *Greek*, because the Translator was hinder'd by the Measure of his *Latin* Verse; and we may well expect the same Imperfection by a Translation of the Verses into *Greek*. The *Grecian* Poet who translated the Oracles did not alter the Subject of the Prophesies, but took the liberty to use the more modern Names, Phrases, and Opinions: As for instance, *Noah* tells the People

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ple in his time, that they should laugh the *Sardonian Laughter*; and there is a Proverbial Phrase, *Ne Camarinam agita*, in Book 3, all which rose in the World in later times than the Sibyls liv'd. The Poet uses many Fictions, as that of the Sibyl's being in the Ark, and her Joy after the Flood. The Sibyl is represented as seeing the last Ages at the Destruction of the World; the Constellations, as fighting with one another; these are plainly Poetical Fictions, as well as the Discourse of God to *Noah*, and his Discourse with the People: Besides, the Observations of the numeral Letters in divers Names are only the Poet's sporting with Numbers, and the derivation of Names are only his Fancy. 'Tis probable these Oracles were writ short and obscure, in few words, but the Poet has more largely and fully describ'd 'em, after a poetical manner, which is only the Flourish of the *Grecian Poets*. The *Greeks* knew not the original History of the Flood, but from the *Chaldean Historians*, from whence they had the History of the *Titans*, *Babel*, and that the Ark rested in *Pbrygia*.

Since *Noah* liv'd 300 Years after the Flood, the Traditions of Religion reveal'd to *Adam* and *Noah* could not soon be lost, but was committed to some Writings, by which the History of the *new and old World*, as well as *Religion*, were preserv'd; these afterwards corrupted Religion by the Worship of the Sun, Moon, and Stars; and after the *Affyrian Empire* was set up, the Hero Worship was introduc'd, by deifying their

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Emperors; and the ancient Monuments and Histories were corrupted by the additions of Historians. In this state the Sibyls found the World when they were inspir'd to restore the Worship of one God by describing the Creation, and the Punishment of the first World by the Flood, and that at last there would be a Judgment of all Mankind, and a Conflagration of the World, but the Godly should be rewarded in a *Millennium*. These Oracles contain good Instructions against all Vice, and shew, that God punishes them by Wars, Plague, and Famine in this World. As *Moses* had his History of the Creation, the Flood, and Patriarchs, from some written Traditions before him, so the Poet, or these Sibyls, took the *Gentile* Histories, which they found at *Babylon* or in *Asia*, to declare the Creation, Paradise, the Flood, and four Monarchies. None of the historical parts of the Oracles which preceded the Sibyls were inspir'd, but only those things which were succeeding, in the Rise or Ruin of the *Roman Empire*, or the *Grecian*.

St. John mentions *Titus*'s Conquests of *Jerusalem*, which was before he writ in an. 96, that the succeeding Emperors, who were to destroy the *Jews*, might be more easily understood; and here the Sibyls mention only the four Monarchies, to lead us to the *Roman Affairs*.

6. The Events in the *Roman Empire* must interpret these Prophesies, if they be taken in their natural order, and compar'd with the Prophesies. As *Daniel* mentibus the

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Affriac and *Median* Empires, which were past when the Image of all the four Monarchies appear'd, so these Oracles, being to treat chiefly of the *Roman Empire*, premises something of the preceding Empires ; and they keep the natural order of History, viz. the Creation, Paradise, the Flood, *Babel*, the four Monarchies, and the *Roman* last : The account of the *Romans* is chiefly the first fifteen Emperors, and the Birth of Christ in the peaceable time of *Augustus*, when *Egypt* was conquer'd ; then the time of the Martyrs is describ'd, the *Constantinopolitan Empire*, the Invasion of the *Goths*, the *Saracens*, and at last the coming of *Antichrist* into *Syria*, the Reign of the Woman, the Reformation of Religion.

The *Erythraean Sibyl*, as *Eusebius* assures us, liv'd in the sixth Generation after the Flood, and she wrote the third Book, in which the Conquest of the *Turks* in *Asia* and *Greece* are describ'd. The next remarkable Book for Prophesies is the fifth, which chiefly relates the coming of the *Turk* into *Syria* and *Egypt*, and afterwards the Fall of *Rome* and the *Turkish Empire*. The third Book of evident Prophesies is the eighth, attributed to the *Cumaean Sibyl* ; the fourth, fifth, and seventh are imperfect, like old Monuments whose Inscriptions are defaced by Time, or ill keeping. These Prophesies which remain are very valuable and useful Antiquities, and sufficient to explain the Wars of *Antichrist*, his Miracles, the Destruction of his Kingdom, the Return of the

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Jews, and the state of Christ's Reign upon Earth before the end of the World. If we only retain the Morality, the worship of one God, and the Prophesies describ'd in these Oracles, as divine Revelations, we may reject many Descriptions, as the effect of the Poet's Fancy that compil'd 'em into Greek Verse.

7. I will next consider the Usefulness of the study of these Oracles: *First*, They will confirm the Truth of the Gospel-History concerning Christ's Death and Resurrection and the Prophesies of St. John. The *Fathers* allow'd them as true Prophesies, and quoted 'em against the Heathen, to prove the Unity of the Godhead, to condemn Idolatry, to prove the Coming of Christ and the *Millennium*, the Return of the ten Tribes at last, the burning of the World, and the Resurrection of the Body: So far the first Christians understood of 'em, and in these things found them to agree with the *Revelations*, but since their times they have been neglected, the Copies decay'd, and the Oracles are now discredited, by the bold Critics, and those who reject all Revelation, as also by the *Roman Church*, whose Idolatry is here describ'd as well as the Ruin of it at last. The Copy I us'd was that of *Opsopaeus*, printed 1607; I have seen a former Edition, in 1599, and lately *Gallau's* Edition, 1689; from these I have made the best Translation I could, and have chiefly aim'd at the Sense, but have left the Niceties to the Critics. I have began the Design of applying the several

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ral Prophesies to the History of the *Turks*,
but must leave it to Posterity to finish.

Secondly, 'Twill appear by this Tract,
that the same History of Events in the *Roman* Empire will interpret both the *Oracles*
and *Revelations*; and, that these Events are
more clearly describ'd in the *Oracles*; so
that by comparing the *Oracles* with the *Re-
velations*, I will explain some parts of the
latter better than has yet been done, espe-
cially the 14th, 15th, and 16th Chapters;
for the *Oracles* declare the Return of the ten
Tribes before the Destruction of *Rome*; and
the Destruction of the Harvest and Vintage
in the Destruction of the *Saracen* Beast in the
East and West; the seven Vials will chiefly
belong to the first Decay of the *Turks*: And
all this must happen before the Destruction
of *Rome*, tho' the final Destruction of the
Turk will be after the Fall of *Rome*.

Thirdly, 'Twill appear, that God by his
Providence raises and destroys all Empires,
and appoints Signs of these things, as Co-
mets, Earthquakes, Inundations, eruption
of Fire from the burning Mountains; be-
fore great Changes these happen; and
Plagues, Famine, the Sword of *Antichrist*,
are the common Punishment of Idolatry, &c.

Fourthly, By these 'twill appear that the
Corruption in the *Roman* Church in the
West, and the Tyranny in the East under
the *Turk*, will last to the end of the World.

Fifthly, By the *Oracles* 'twill appear, that
the *Millennium* is a description of the happy
state of the Christian Church in this World

after the Destruction of the Popedom and Turk, and before the Conflagration; whereas some ingenious Men make it a description of the Heavenly state. In short, the *Oracles* describe the chief Histories to which the Visions in the *Revelations* belong, and by understanding these, we can determine to what Histories they relate, and thereby avoid applying improper Histories to them. These *Oracles* will teach us to distinguish the different Fates of the East and West parts of the *Roman Empire*; the *Turk* oppresses the *Greek Church* in the East, at the same time the *Pope* corrupts the Western.

Sixtly, The things we are now to expect in the Popedom are, a great Desolation by Famine and Civil Wars, and then the *Egyptian King* shall invest *Rome*, and burn it, but the *Jews* must first return, many Changes happening in the *Turkish Empire* before it.

These Things are next to come to pass in the *Turkish Empire*:

First, *Greece* shall be plunder'd by a *Barbarian*, after which, Sedition will succeed, and then a Peace; after this, a Plague, and when *Perse* shall be at Peace, the *Jews* shall return to their own Country, and live in Peace and Plenty, and Thunder from Heaven shall destroy their Enemies: *Lesser Asia* shall be destroy'd by Earthquakes, and many other Cities, *Smyrna*, *Cuma*, *Tripolis*, *Corcyra*, *Miletus*. The *Affyrians* shall invade *Hellasponit*, and conquer the *Thracians*; the King of *Egypte* invade *Macadonia*, and a civil War in *Pisidia*, betwixt the *Lydians*, *Galatians*,

Galatians, and *Ramphylians*; then *Italy* shall become a Desart, and about the end of the Moon, or *Turkish Empire*, the Eastern War (or from the North) shall be, and Wars in the West, and in *Macedonia*, also a destruction of those Princes by Fire from Heaven: At this juncture, shall *Rome* be destroy'd by an ignoble and wicked Prince, who had before invaded *Judea*, after which Christ shall come, and destroy the Wicked, and reign in *new Jerusalem*; then *Babylon* shall fall by an Earthquake, the Sea be dry'd up, and (the Rivers being frozen up) the *Tartars* shall invade the Borders of *Asia*, and destroy the *Turk* in *Thrace*; then shall be a general Darkness: There shall be a Reformation of Religion in *Egypt*, and a Temple built, which the *Ethiopians* will destroy; and God will slay them by Fire from Heaven.

Some reject these Oracles because of the Poetical Dress the *Grecian Poets* have given them; others find true Prophesies in them; I will proceed in a middle moderate way betwixt the contrary Opinions, allowing all Objections as to its Phrases, new Words, Derivations, numeral Observations; these are the Poets Paraphrase, Notes, Histories of Fables, and Remarks, not very pertinent: I may allow many mistakes, and yet assert, that the Substance of the Prophesies is true, and the Doctrine deliver'd with 'em; because they agree with the *Revelations*.

I will next explain the Symbolical Characters us'd in these Oracles: *Nero* is the *Turk*, who will tyrannize in the East; his Name

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Name is not mention'd, but his Character : The Church is call'd a pure Virgin : The Woman, or Widow, is the *Roman* corrupt Church, or Whore.

Nero was a Prince of great Cruelty, who slew his Mother. The *Ottoman* Cruelty to their own Family, and to others, is represented by *Nero*.

Suetonius says, after *Nero's* Death there was a vulgar Report, that he was fled beyond *Euphrates*, and that he would return again with the same Cruelty ; and this Report might be occasion'd by this description of *Nero* in the Sibyls. This Story is a Fable, or feign'd Allegory, and must not be taken as a History. The *Turk* is call'd *Crudelis homo*, in the third Book, where his Conquests of *Asia minor*, *Thrace*, and *Greece*, are describ'd.

Nero is also a general Name for other cruel Princes, because when the Eastern War is describ'd, it says, *Matris & occisor quidam de finibus orbis, vir fugiens veniet*. The Popes are also call'd *Matrum Cesores* ; the *Turk*, the little Horn, when he came into *Asia*. The *Turk* fled from the *Tartars* in *Persia*. The Inundation of *Euphrates*, in the fifth Book, represents the *Turks* Invasion of *Asia* ; and the Inundation of *Peneus*, their Invasion of *Thrace*. The alteration in the small Kingdoms of *Italy* are describ'd by *Eridanus*, the *Po*, which produces divers forms of wild Beasts, i. e. divers sorts of Governments ; for the Empire is call'd a Beast in Prophetic Terms or Stile.

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In the fifth Book the Pope is call'd the great King of great *Rome*, who equals himself to God, (*i. e.* by assuming to himself the Title of *Christ's Vicar*) ; he is said to be produc'd by *Jupiter* and *Juno*, (*i. e.* has his Commission from God, and is elected by the Church) ; he sings melodious Hymns, as in a Theatre, (*i. e.* uses Songs and Anthems in the Church) ; he shall destroy many, (*viz.* the Reformers) with his miserable Mother (*the Christian Church.*) This cannot be *Nero*, because he is thus describ'd after the *Turk* came over *Euphrates*. *Constantinople* is call'd the Offspring of *Latin Rome*.

The *Saracens* are *Ishmaelites*, begot by *Abraham* on *Hagar*, and they are call'd the Bastard Stock of *Saturn*, who must invade both *Europe* and *Asia*.

The Idolatry of the Christian Church, both in the East and West, is represented by the old *Gentile* Worship of Beasts, *Dæmons*, &c. and the Names of the old Hero Gods are us'd to express the *Christian* Saints.

The true worship of God is represented by the *Jewish* Sacrifices to him, which are Types of the *Christian* Adulteries. Theft, Sodomy, Murder, and Idolatry, are the causes of Wars, Plagues, Famine, and *Antichrist's* Cruelty ; the same is mention'd in the *Revelations*. Where the Books are entire, they begin with some description of *God*, and end with the Destruction of the World ; and thus the eighth Book ends ; therefore I reject the Acrostics, and the History of *Christ's Birth and Passion*, that are added in
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the end of it, for there is enough of these Subjects in the first, and other Books; *Eusebius* imputes the Acrostics to the *Erythrean Sibyl*, and says, he found these Verses quoted by *Cicero*. But both *Dionysius* in his *Roman Antiquities*, and *Vayre*, as he quotes him, declare the *Acrostics* to be supposititious, and added to the Sibylline Verses. I think these Reasons are sufficient for rejecting of them. Tho' *Eusebius* seems to believe, that *Cicero* translated them into Latin, none of the Ancients mentions them, but he and St. *Austin*; there is no mention made of these *Aurostics* by *Justin Martyr*, *Theophilus*, *Antiochenus*, *Athenagorus*; *Cl. Alexandrinus*, *Firmianus*, or *Lactantius*, who greatly admire the *Sibyls*.

The *Sibyls* divide the time of the World into ten Generations, but *Esdras* into twelve. The first Book makes five Ages or Generations before the Flood; the Golden Age follows it, and is reckon'd the sixth Generation. The tenth Age will begin with the Conquest of *Persia* by *Alexander*. The destruction of *Rome* shall begin in the tenth Generation, when Idolatry shall decay: And in the fourth Book the Judgment and Millennium must be in the tenth Age, and then all must end. The *Affrians* and *Medes* held their Empire 670 Years, of which the *Medes* held it 150, the *Persians* (till *Alexander*) 230; in all these Empires were 900 Years, but since *Alexander's* Time the tenth Age has been twice as long. The *Erythrean Sibyl* reckons the ten Generations from *Adam*; the *Sibyl*, in the fourth Book, reckons them from the Flood.

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Proœmium

Before the

ORACLES;

Containing the true Notion of G O D, who made and governs the World, and will reward those that serve him, and punish Idolaters.

OMortal, carnal, and vile Men ! why are you so proud, not considering that you must die ? Neither do you tremble, and fear the suprem G O D, who governs you ; He This is quoted knows, sees, and observes all things ; He is the by *Lattan.* li. 4 Creator, and preserves all things ; He sent his cap. 6. pleasant Spirit into all things, and by that governs all Mankind.

There is one God, who alone reigns ; he is very great, unbegotten, omnipotent, invisible : He ^{Justin cites this in his Oration to the Gentiles.} alone sees all things, but cannot be seen by any Mortal ; for, what mortal Flesh can behold the Celestial, True, and Immortal G O D with his Eyes, who lives in Heaven, since Men, who are born Mortals, of Bones, Flesh, and Veins, cannot steadfastly behold the shining Beams of the Sun.

Worship Him, who is the only Governour of the World, who alone hath continu'd from Age to

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to Age ; He exists from Himself, is unbegotten ; he governs all things, at all Times, and He has ordain'd a Judgment for all Men, in one common Day ; but punishes justly all evil Counsels, when we leave the true GOD, and do not honour Him as eternal, by offering holy Hecatombs to him, but make Sacrifices to the Infernal *Manes*.

These Men are proud, and mad, leaving the strait way, they err through rocky and thorny Paths.

Alexander. O vain Men ! cease to wander in Darkness and a black obscure Night, but leave this Darkness, and enter into Light : He is manifest to all, and no Deceiver, therefore do not pursue this dark

and tempestuous way any longer, but behold the pleasant Light of the Sun, which shines gloriously.

Know, and wisely consider it, there is one GOD, who gives Rain and Winds ; He causes Earthquakes, Thunders, Famines, Plagues, Snow, Ice, and all other grievous Calamities, all which I can express thus : He commands in Heaven, and governs in the Earth, and in *Hades*.

He exists of himself, for that which is born will be corrupted ; GOD cannot be generated of the parts of Men and Women, but there is one only suprem Great GOD, who hath created Heaven, the Sun, Moon, and Stars, and the fruitful Earth, and the swelling Waves of the Sea, the Mountains full of Woods, and the eternal Streams of the Fountains ; He produces an innumerable quantity of Fish in the Waters, and He nourisheth the creeping Creatures with a cool Diet (or in a cool place) and he gives to the Birds of various kinds shrill Voices, harsh or pleasant Notes, and to cut the Air with their noisy Wings ; and he hath put the wild Beasts in the Hills, cover'd with Wood, and hath subjected all Beasts to Mankind, but

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hath made his Son, who is begotten of G O D, Goverour of all things ; and He hath subjected to Man many various things, which he cannot comprehend ; for, what mortal Man can know all things ? but He only knows those that made 'em in the beginning : He is the incorruptible and eternal Creator, living in Heaven, who gives to all good Men a very great Reward, but is angry with the Unjust and Wicked, and punishes them by Wars, Plagues, and extraordinary Calamities.

O Men ! why do you vainly rebel against G O D, and are therefore utterly destroy'd ? Are not you ashame'd to esteem as Gods, Cats and Brutes ? Is it not Madness, Fury, or Stupidity in your Minds to think Gods steal Cattle, and make a Prey of Cups, who ought to inhabit the rich and glorious Heavens ; they appear to be eaten with Worms, and cover'd with Spiders Webs.

O you Fools ! you worship Serpents, Dogs, and Cats, and you adore Birds, and the creeping Creatures in the Earth, and Images of polish'd Stone, and Statues made with Hands and adorned ; and also heaps of Earth or Sepulchres, which are made in the ways ; and you worship, besides these, many other vain things, of which it is a shame to make any mention.

These are the false Gods of foolish Men, from whose Mouth this deadly Poison distils ; but to Him we ought to submit our selves, and follow the way of eternal Righteousnes, who has the Power of giving Life, and incorruptible and eternal Light, and can give to Men Joys exceeding all pleasant things of this Life.

But you have forsaken all these, you have drank a Cup full of the unmixt Wine of G O D's Vengeance, which is very strong and thick, you being mad and foolish in your Minds ; neither would you become sober and sound in your Minds,

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Mind, to know the true God and King, whose Providence is over all things ; there the burning of a fervent Fire shall seize on you, and you shall burn in Flames continually, for ever, being asham'd of your unprofitable false Idols : But they who worship the true G O D shall inherit Eternal Life for ever ; they shall possess the fruitful Gardens of Paradise, and there feast on the sweet Bread which comes from the Starry Skies.

Note, This Proemium is to be found in *Theophilus's* second Oration to *Antolius*; he was Bishop of Antioch in 171; and *Clemens Alexandrinus* quotes some Verses of it, *An. Dom.* 193. *Laffantius* quotes them, *An. Dom.* 320; and *Eusebius* repeats them. *Justin Martyr* cites some of these Verses. Some impure them to the *Chaldean Sibyl Sametha*, but *Laffantius* says they must belong to the *Erythraean Sibyl*; and 'tis probable the two Sibyls Names belong to one of the Sibyls. These Quotations are sufficient to prove the Antiquity of this Proemium, and its original from the Sibyls, which *Laffantius* says were collected by the Romans.

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In this Book the Creation is describ'd, and Adam and Eve in Paradise : Their Temptation by the Serpent, and Ejection out of Paradise. Five Generations of Men before the Flood, and their Destruction by the Flood. The Golden Age succeeds the Flood; which is call'd the Sixth Generation. The Titans are in the Seventh Generation. The Computation of the Numeral Letters in God's Name is 1711, by which Noah knew the duration of the Antediluvian World, but none of the Greek Names of God will make this number : The Name must contain four Syllables. Jehovah is call'd the Tetragrammaton, but the Letters must be nine, and five of them Consonants. This must be some Chaldee Name, in which the Oracles were pen'd.

The next thing declar'd is the Coming of Christ ; his Natural Letters will make 888. St. John's beheading. Christ's Miracles are describ'd, and his

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Crucifixion, and Resurrection the third Day ; and the Destruction of the Jews and their Temple, and the driving them out of their Country by the Romans, is attributed to their Barbarity in the Crucifixion of Christ.

THERE is ONE GOD, who alone rules ; He is very great, unbegotten : This One God is above All, who made the Heavens, Sun and Moon, and Stars, and the fruitful Earth, and the swelling Waves of the Sea ; He alone is God the Creator, being himself most pure and uncomponed ; He made the Figure and Effigies of Men, and he mix'd the Nature of all the Generations of living Creatures.

Note. This Declaration proves, that this Sibyl wrote the three first Books, in which all things are describ'd, from first to last.

I will now begin to prophecy concerning all Events, from the first Generation of Men to the last ; what was done at first, what things are now, and what are to come in the World thro' the Impiety of Men.

The Creation describ'd.

First, God commands me to declare how the World was truly made ; therefore let all Mortals wisely praise the Supreme King, and do not despise my Prophecies. He created all the World, saying, *Let it be, and it was made.* He built the Earth over the Tartarian Caverns, and compass'd it about with Sea-waters : He gave the pleasant Light, and rais'd up the Heavens, and extended the Sky-colour'd Sea ; and he crown'd the Heavens with shining Stars, and adorn'd the Earth with Plants, and mix'd the Rivers with

With the Sea, into which they run ; the Vapors and Rainy Clouds are spread thro' the Air, and he put another Kind of Animals (*viz.* the Fish) into the Seas, and gave the Winds and Air to the Birds : He plac'd the hairy wild Beasts in the Woods, as well as the Dragons which creep ; and all things we see round about us he made by his Word, and they did presently exist, and truly, because he is the Fountain of his own Being, and produces all other things by his own Power : He governs in Heaven after he had finish'd the World.

Afterwards he framed a living Animal, making the New Man after his own Image, beautiful and holy, to inhabit a pleasant immortal Paradise, that there he might take care to perform good Works ; but he being alone in the fruitful Garden, desir'd one for Conversation, and wish'd to see another of the same Species with himself ; therefore God produc'd beautiful *Eve*, taking her out of his Side, a young Virgin, and she was given him for a Wife, to live with him in Paradise : And when *Adam* beheld her, he very much rejoic'd, and was astonish'd when he beheld the Antitype so like himself ; and he had the gift of wise Discourse, with Words flowing freely : for God took care of all things. Intemperance had not yet corrupted the Understanding, nor any Shame appear'd ; they were without any wicked Heart ; they liv'd as wild Beasts, naked. God afterwards gave them Precepts, and

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forbid 'em the touching of a Tree; but the horrible Serpent deceiv'd them, and caus'd them to err, and brought them to the decreed Death, and to the Knowledg of Good and Evil; but the Woman was the first Betrayer of the Man, who being ignorant, persuaded him to sin: He being over-persuaded by the Woman's Discourse, forgot the Immortal Creator, and took no care to observe his plain Commands; and for this reason, instead of any Good, they procur'd Evil to themselves, as they had deserv'd. Then they made themselves Garments, by sewing the Leaves of the sweet Figtree together, and cloath'd themselves, to cover their naked Parts, because they were ashame'd of 'em. Therefore the Immortal being angry, condemn'd them to Labour, and cast them out of the immortal place. For such was the Decree, that Mortals should live out of that place, because they rebell'd, and did not observe the Commands of the Great God. But they presently going out upon the face of the Earth, were overwhelm'd with Tears and Groans: Then the Immortal God spoke thus to them, *Encrease and multiply, and work the Land by Art, that you may have sufficient Nutriment by your Sweat and Labour.* So he spoke; and he caus'd the Serpent, who was Author of their Error, to creep on his Belly and Sides upon the Earth, and with sharp reproof drove him away, and excited a grievous Enmity betwixt them: The Serpent endeavours to save his Head, and the Man to save his Heel;

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for Death is near to Men, and to the venomous Serpents, who gave the evil Council.

Then the Generation of Men encreas'd in number, as the Omnipotent himself commanded; and springing up one after the other, became an infinite number of People. They made all manner of Houses, and others built wall'd Cities very skilfully, because they liv'd a long and pleasant Life; for they did not die tormented by Diseases, but Death seiz'd 'em like Sleep; for Men were then happy and magnanimous, whom the Immortal Saviour and King, God himself, lov'd. But these Wretches were infatuated with the Pleasures of Sin: some impudently ridicul'd their Fathers, and dishonour'd their Mothers; they would not own their Acquaintance, and dealt treacherously with their Brethren; they were defiled and satiated with human Blood; they made Wats. But utter Destruction from Heaven came on them, which took away their Lives in a miserable manner. *Hades* swallow'd up these; so call'd because *Adam* first went thither when he had tasted Death, and was cover'd by the Earth; hence all Men born on the Earth are said to go into the Houses of *Hades*; but all these, tho' they went into the Houses of *Hades*, were much honour'd and esteem'd, as the strongest of Mankind.

But when these were dead, a second Generation sprung from the remains of the best Men, very ingenious, who employ'd themselves

selves in acceptable Works and laudable Studies, and singular Modesty, and curious Wisdom, and exercis'd all sorts of Arts, which their mechanical Heads invented: One found out the Art of tilling the Earth by the Plow, another the Art of the Smith, and another discover'd the Art of Navigation and Astronomy; another the Art of Divination by the flying of Birds: Others invented Physick and Magick, and others all other things by great Study, having hereby gain'd the Name of *Vigilant Inventors of Arts*, because they had a sedate Mind. And these were of immense Bodies, thick and great in shape. They all together descended into the Tartarian horrid House of *Hades*, being there kept in strong Chains, to be punish'd in Hell, which is the pernicious everlasting Pit.

The third Generation.

Then the third Generation of Men of cruel Tempers appear'd, after the other: They were very proud and cruel, who committed many wicked things amongst one-another; private Murders, and Slaughters in Battels, continually destroy'd 'em, they being of a violent Temper.

The fourth Generation.

From these proceeded the last and greatest Kind of Warriours, defiled with Slaughter, Men of violent Councils in the fourth Generation, who shed much Blood, neither fearing G O D nor Men. These were excited by a mad Passion of Anger and wretched Impiety; whom Wars, Slaughter, and Murders sent into *Erebus*, when they had made themselves very miserable and wicked. God in his anger

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ger thrust them out of his World, and shut 'em up in the great Tartarian Prison under the bottom of the Earth.

Afterwards the Immortal God rais'd up another Generation much worse, who did very wicked Actions; these became much more insolent than the other, they were the monstrous Giants, abominable Blasphemers. *Noah*, amongst 'em all, was the only righteous and just Man, truly faithful, studying how to do good Works. And to him God spoke thus from Heaven:

O Noah! be bold, and preach Repentance to all Persons, that all may be saved: But if they become impudent, and despise thee, I will destroy all Flesh by a great Inundation of Water; but it shall spring again from thee, as from a perpetual Root. I command thee to make a wooden House, which shall not be corrupted by the Waters: I will give thee Understanding and great Skill to make it of a due length and breadth; I will take care of all things, so as to save thee and all those who swim with thee: I am he who exists; (consider this in your Mind) I am cloathed with the Heaven, and the Sea is cast about me; the Earth is my Footstool, and the Air is spread round my Body, and all the Chorus of the Stars runs round me; my Name has nine Letters, and four Syllables: Consider who I am; the three first Syllables have each two Letters, the other has the rest; and there are five Consonants. The Hundreds of all this number are twice eight, and thrice three Decads, with three sevens. He that knows who I am, shall not be ignorant of that divine Wisdom which is from me.

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Note, that God, who spoke to *Noah*, in *Genesis* is call'd Σιβυλλή ὁ Θεός; but these are not one word, and the numeral Letters will make but 1154, therefore the Numbers here mention'd seem to me to shew the Duration of the Antediluvian World. After the time God decreed the Destruction of it, he said, in *Genesis*, it should continue 120 Years; and the sense is, the Centuries of the remaining Years are twice eight, that is 16; thrice three tens, 90; and throe times seven, 21; in all 127 Years. Σιβυλλή ὁ Θεός make 1793. But since no other Greek Name of God has the Numbers above mention'd, 'tis plain the *Sibyl* writ in some Eastern Language: *Morellus* thinks αὐτοκράτορ, which makes by the numeral Letters 1696, is the word design'd; and that seems probable, because it comes nearest to the Age of the Antediluvian World: And then this *Enigma* was design'd to express the Ages of the Old World.

So he spoke, and *Noah* was struck with an infinite Terror to hear such things; and then wisely contriving all things, he exhorted the People, and began such Discourse:

O perfidious Men, agitated with great Fury! God knows what you have done: for the Eternal Saviour knows all things; for He sees all, who governs all things; and hath commanded me to warn you, that you be not fatally deceiv'd in your Minds, Be sober, and abstain from Wickedness, neither violently pursue one another, being of a cruel Temper, shedding human Blood all over the Earth. O Mortals! fear the mighty God, invincible, the Celestial Crea-

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‘ tor, incorruptible ; who lives in Heaven.
‘ Pray all of you to him, for he is very
‘ kind ; supplicate him for the Life of Cities,
‘ and of all the World, of Quadrupeds and
‘ Birds, that he may be merciful to all. For
‘ the time is coming when the whole World,
‘ and infinite numbers of Men, perishing by
‘ the Waters, shall lament this dreadful Mes-
‘ sage ; for the Air shall be suddenly di-
‘ sturb’d, and the Anger of the great God,
‘ from Heaven, shall come upon you. There
‘ shall certainly be a time when the Everlast-
‘ ing Saviour shall send his Vengeance on
‘ Men, unless you appease God, and imme-
‘ diately repent, and hereafter do no Injury
‘ the one to the other, contrary to Law, but
‘ every one follow a holy Life.

But they hearing him, mocked him, saying
he was *mad* and *foolish* ; and then *Noah* began
again his Song or Message, in a loud Voice :

‘ O miserable, hard-hearted, unstable Men !
‘ who leaving all Modesty, delight in Impu-
‘ dence, tyrannical Thieves, violently wic-
‘ ked, Liars, Infidels, workers of Evil, in
‘ nothing sincere, Whoremongers, Flatterers
‘ in Words, speaking Blasphemies, fearing
‘ not the Anger of the high God, being re-
‘ serv’d to be punish’d in the Fifth Genera-
‘ tion ! You are obstinate, and do not go
‘ by your selves and weep, but laugh ; you
‘ shall laugh the *Sardonian* Laughter when this
‘ thing shall come to pass, I mean the terrible
‘ Flood of God, that is coming, when the holy

‘ Stock

• Note, that *Kauryli* is
 • mistaken for *kaed*
 • water:
 • Otherways *tis Non-
 • sense.*
 Stock which is on the Earth * shall float on
 the Waters, which shall flourish eternally,
 with never-fading Roots; then all others
 shall utterly be destroy'd in one Night, the
 Sea shall shake the Cities of the Earth, with
 their Inhabitants, and shall open the Caverns
 and overthrow the Walls; then the whole
 World of innumerable Men shall die; and
 then how many things shall I lament, and
 mourn for! Being enclos'd in a wooden
 House, how many Tears shall I mix with
 the Waves! for if this Deluge, commanded
 by God, shall come, the Earth, the Moun-
 tains, and the Æther will swim, all places
 will be cover'd by the Waters, and all things
 will be destroy'd by them; but the Winds
 shall stop, and another Age shall come. O
 Phrygia! thou shalt first rise from the top
 of the Waters, and thou shalt first nourish
 another Generation of Men, who then a-
 gain will begin, and thou shalt be the Nurse
 of all Men.

But when he had spoken these things in
 vain to that wicked Generation, the high
 God appear'd, and cry'd out again, and
 spoke:

O Noah! now is the time come wherein all
 things shall be fulfilled which I spake of, and said
 I would do for thee in that Day, when I destroy
 the whole World of Infidels, for the innumerable
 Sins which they have committed. Do thou sud-
 denly embark with thy Wife and Children, and
 thy Sons Wives, and call together all I have com-
 manded to come of the Kinds of four-footed
 Beasts,

Beasts, creeping Creatures, and Fowls, and I will excite the Will of those Creatures to whom I have granted Life, to enter of their own accord. So he spoke, and Noah enter'd the Ark, and cry'd out; and then his Wife, Sons and their Wives, came into the wooden House, and afterwards all the rest came in whom God would save. But when a convenient Key had fasten'd the Covering of the Ark, being fasten'd across it in a hole made by shaving, then the Counsel of the Heavenly God was brought to pass, he sent forth the Clouds, which cover'd the fiery Globe of the Sun, Moon, and Stars, which make the Celestial Crown. This being cover'd, Mankind was terrified: He sent a fiery Tempest, rais'd all the Winds, and open'd all the Channels of Water; great Cata-racts being open from the Heaven, and the Caverns of the Earth, and from the unweari'd Abyss; from these an infinite quantity of Water appear'd flowing, and the Earth was cover'd all over its vast Body. But the divine House swam in the middle of the Waters, being beat by many devouring Waves, and swimming violently by the strokes of the Wind, the Ship was carried timerously, and cut the infinite Foam of the roaring tempestuous Waters.

When God had wash'd the whole Earth by the Waters, *Noah* desir'd to look abroad, according to the Counsel of God: Having escap'd the hazard of the Sea, he quickly open'd the Covering of his smooth House, which

which was join'd together with fit Joints near the Mast, and seeing a great quantity of Water every where, *Noah* thought he beheld Death in every place, and was afraid, and his Heart palpitated much: Then the Air being a little mov'd, (for it had for many days water'd the whole Earth) and then dividing, the great fiery Globe of Heaven appear'd, weary, of a pale bloody colour. *Noah* had scarce Courage; and then he sent a ^{A Raven.} black Bird abroad, that he might know whether the Earth appear'd in its firmness; but she having fled about every where, return'd: Nor did the Water cease, but fill'd all places: But he resting some Days, sent again the black Dove, that he might know whether the Deluge ceased; but she flying up and down, fled away: She descended on the Earth, and having a little rested her Body on the wet Earth, after that return'd to *Noah*, bringing a Branch of an Olive-tree, a great sign of good News: Then all took Courage and rejoic'd, because they hop'd to see the Earth. And then presently he sent forth another black winged Bird, and she confiding in her Wings, fled freely, and remain'd in the Earth: Then *Noah* knew that the Earth was very near. But when the divine Building had swam here and there upon the violent swelling Waves of the Sea, it came and stuck fast on a small Bank.

There is in the Continents of *Black Phrygia* a very high and great Mountain, call'd *Ararat*, because Mankind should be sav'd upon it from

from the Deluge ; on this their great Desire was accomplish'd, the Ark rested on the high Head of this Hill, when the Waters ceased. From this Hill the Channels of the great River *Marsyas* arise.

Then again the Voice of the Great God cry'd out from Heaven in such Words : O Noah ! preserv'd from Danger, faithful and just, come forth boldly, with thy Wife, Sons, and three Daughters, and fill the whole Earth ; increase and multiply, delivering my just Laws to one-another, and to all succeeding Generations, till all Mankind come to the Day of Judgment, for there shall be a Judgment upon all Men. So the Divine Voice spoke.

Noah confiding in God, went out upon the Earth as from his Chamber, and his Sons with him, and his Wife, and their Wives, and the creeping Creatures, and Birds, and all the Kinds of four-footed and wild Beasts, and all together went out of the wooden House into one place ; and Noah, the eighth Person, the most Just of all Men, went out, having continued in the Waters, by the counsel of the Great God, twice twenty, and one Day more.

Hence rose a new Generation of Men, the first Golden Age, which is call'd the sixth, and the best since Mankind was made : It is call'd the *Heavenly*, because God took particular care of the first Stock of the sixth Generation. Q the great Joy that I had when I escap'd the great Destruction, when my Husband with me, and his Brothers, and Fa-

The golden
Age after
the Flood ;
the Sixth
Genera-
tion.

' Father, and Mother, and their Daughters-in-law, suffer'd much by being long toss'd by the Flood !

Note. That this Account of the Deluge differs in some Circumstances from that in *Genesis*; for the *Sibyl* says *Noah* staid in the Ark 41 Days, but *Moses*, a Year. Thence I may infer, that this Account of the Deluge was neither writ by a Jew nor a Christian; therefore this Account was the *Gentiles* Tradition, and from their Eastern Histories in *Chaldaea*, or *Asia minor*: for all Nations believ'd the Flood and *Noah's* Ark, but they believ'd it rested in *Phrygia*; and they call'd all the Mountains from *Armenia* to *Tanais, Ararat*. This History of the Flood is call'd *Noah's day*, and the *Gentiles* might probably sing it, as they us'd to do *Homer's* Verses; and by such Songs they us'd to preserve the memory of famous Transactions, as *Moses* did by his Song. The *Sibyl* here declares herself to be one of *Noah's* Daughters-in-law, by a Poetical Fiction to represent the Joy of the Women after their escape from the Flood.

Note. That *Josephus* makes seven Generations before the Flood.

A farther
lescription
of the Gol-
den Age.

Now I will praise that Age, in which there shall be great fertility in Flowers and Fruits, and *Saturn* shall reign, and divide his Kingdom. For three magnanimous Kings, righteous Men, shall divide their Kingdoms into three parts, and reign a long time, and deliver just Laws to Men who labour'd much, and industriously pursu'd commendable Works; and then the Earth shall of itself produce its Fruits joyfully.

A Generation shall shoot forth many Branches one upon another, and the Parents shall continue young a long time, without malignant Fevers, which have hot and cold Paroxysms ; they shall die as it were in a Sleep, and they shall go into the Houses of *Hades*, where *Acheron* is, and there they shall be honour'd, because they are the Generation of the Blessed : And they are happy Men to whom the God of Sabaoth gives a good Understanding, and to whom he communicates his Counsels ; these are the Happy, and shall be so when they are dead.

Then shall arise the second Generation of terrestrial Men, great and horrid, the *Titans*, having the same Figure, Greatness, Nature, Species, and the same Language which God before gave to the first Generation of Men : but these will be of a very proud Temper, and undertake desperate Projects for the procuring their own Destruction, by fighting against Heaven ; and then the great Ocean will make an Inundation thro' the fury of the Waves ; but the great God of Sabaoth being angry, shall forbid and restrain it, that no Deluge should come again on wicked Men. But when God by his Anger shall cause the infinite Tumour of the Water, and its Inundations upon divers places to cease, and Limits are set to the deep Seas by Ports and rough Shores, the great God, who causes Thunder, shall set Bounds to the Sea in every place.

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Note, That this *Sibyl* having finish'd the History of the Flood, immediately subjoins the History of our Saviour; but the History of the *Titans* and Monarchies is supply'd in the Third Book, which seems to be abruptly broken off from this place, where it mentions *Babel*.

Note, In this Description after the Flood there's no mention of the Rainbow, nor the Permission of eating Flesh, nor *Noah's* Sacrifice; from whence I infer, that this Tradition was not from *Sem's* Post-
see Gene-
sis.
erity, but *Zapher's*. *Abraham* had his Traditions from *Sem*, for all his Laws, Statutes, and Precepts, Religious and Civil. And by these Oracles it appears, that the same were convey'd by all the Sons of *Noah* to their Posteriority; witness this, *Iustitiam tradent natus natorum*: Therefore I conclude, this Tradition of the Flood and Ark, and a second Inundation on the *Titans*, was preserv'd in the Histories of *Zapher's* Posteriority.

Christ's
Birth and
Name.

— 10
— 8
— 200
— 70
— 400
— 200
888.

Then the Son of the Great God shall come amongst Men, being cloath'd with Flesh, being like mortal Men on the Earth; his Name shall have four Vowels and two Consonants which are double, and I will declare and interpret what Number may be made by the Numeral Letters in that Name: First, there are 8 Monads or Units, as many Tens, and Eight hundred; in all 888.

Note, That if 888 be deducted from the vulgar Year 3947; when Christ was born, there will remain 3059, about which time the *Sibyls* might write; and then was the time of the Jewish Prophets under the *Affyrian* Monarchy. And by this computation Christ was to come after 888 Years. Thus

Maho-

Mahomet's Name is computed in the *Revelations* by 666, in which time Antichrist was to come ; and 'tis probable Mahomet's Name must be computed by the Arabian Letters : The Greek will make 664, if it be writ *Mahomates*.

The Numbers above-mention'd will signify Christ's Name to the Men who are Infidels ; but, do you consider Christ as the Son of the most High and Immortal God ? He shall fulfill the Law of God, and not destroy it, and shew the Likeness of the Anti-type to the Jewish Religion and Sacrifices, and thereby he will instruct us in all things ; the Priests shall offer to him Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincense, and he shall do all these things.

Note, That Christ must explain the Symbolical Religion of the Jews, and be worship'd by Gifts, as God was.

But when a Voice shall come thro' the Desart, and shall declare to Mortals, and cry to all, to *make their Path streight*, and cast Wickedness out of their Heart, and be baptiz'd, every Man of 'em, that being regenerate from above, they may no more break any of the holy Rules ; a barbarous Man being enticed by Dancing, shall cut off the Speaker's Head, and give it as a Reward. Then there shall be a great Sign to Men, when the beautiful Stone that was preserv'd shall come out of the Land of *Ægypte*, against which the People of *Judea* shall

Herod beheads
St. John Baptist.

stumble, but the *Gentiles* will be gather'd together by his Conduct ; and by him they shall know the God who governs above, and the Path in the Light; for he shall shew Eternal Life to Men who are the Elect, but to the Wicked he shall bring Eternal Fite. And then he shall heal the Diseased, and all the Iufirm, who shall believe in him : He shall give Sight to the Blind, and cause the Lame to walk, the Deaf to hear, and the Dumb to speak : He shall cast out Devils, and raise the Dead : He shall appease the Storms, and in a desart place he shall feed Five thousand with five Loaves and a Sea-Fish ; and the relicks shall fill twelve Baskets, such as Virgins carry.

Then *Israel*, like a Person who is drunk, will not consider, nor hear with their Ears ; but when the furious Anger of the Supreme God shall fall on the *Hebrews*, and take away all Faithfulness from amongst one another, because they despis'd the Celestial Son of God, then *Israel* shall strike him, and spit Venom upon him with their impure Lips. They being in their Minds excited by a mischievous Anger, will give him Gall for Meat, and Sharp Vinegar for Drink. They will not see with their Eyes, being blinder than Moles, more odious than Serpents, and oppress'd with Sleep, like those that are bit by venomous Asps.

But when He shall extend his Arms, and measure as it were all things, and bear a Crown of Thorns, and they shall pierce his Side

Side with a Spear, (for which reason there shall be for three hours monstrous dark Night in the middle of the Day) then *Solomon's Temple* shall give a wonderful Sign to Men, when He shall descend into *Hades*, to preach the Resurrection to the Dead : But when He shall return in three days to Life, and shall have demonstrated to Men that Death is like to a Slumber, and have given full Instruction to his Disciples, he shall ascend in the Clouds up to a Heavenly Habitation, leaving to the World the Kingdom of his Gospel, and a new Branch of the sanctie Name shall spring up among the *Gentiles*, who shall be govern'd by the Law of the high God ; after that, the *Soloi* shall be the Guides : and then, for the future, there shall be no more Prophets.

Then the *Hebrews* shall reap the Fruit of their wicked Actions, and the *Roman King* shall take from them much of their Gold and Silver. Afterwards there shall be other Kingdoms constantly in the room of such as are destroy'd, and they shall afflict Mankind ; and those Men shall suffer much when they shall enter upon their unjust Tyranny.

But when the Temple of *Solomon* shall fall on the sacred Ground, being ruin'd by Men of a barbarous Speech, in brazen Armour ; and when the *Hebrews* shall be drove out of their own Country, and wander into others, being miserably vex'd, they shall mix much Darnel with their Bread, (thro' Poverty)

and there shall be great Seditions amongst all Men : the Cities having dealt injuriously with one another, shall weep by turns ; because of their wicked Works, they shall bear in their Bosoms the Vengeance of the Great God.

Note, This Prophecy of our Saviour was obscure before it came to pass, tho' now very plain to us, who know the past History ; but it is out of its place, and might better be annex'd to the Sixth Book.

This Book ends with the Destruction of the Jews, and the second begins with *Dioctetian* and other Heathen Persecutors, conquer'd by *Constantine*.

THE

THE
SECOND BOOK.

The CONTENTS.

The Signs of great Slaughter, Plagues, and Famines in the tenth Age, when Rome shall be shaken : After these, a long Peace, when Constantine's Pillar of Light, or Star, shall appear like a Crown ; and then will follow the Age for the Martyrs Reward. After this, Plagues, Wars, Famine (from the Northern Invasions) ; and at last Belial (Mahomet) shall come : Then the Jews shall return, and conquer the Gentiles (the Turk) and at last be subject to him till the Millennium. After this, Elias shall come from Heaven with these three Signs, two Loincts, a general Darkness, and a burning River : Then shall be the Resurrection, the Wicked punish'd, and the Just rewarded in a terrestrial Paradise.

God caus'd my Verses to cease for some time, which were full of Wisdom, as I entreated him ; but a pleasant Voice speaking divine Words, my whole Body is struck and convulsed, and I know not what I say, but God commands me to declare all things.

his is the state
the Romans
fore Augustus
ays, when Cæs.
s robb'd the
Earthquakes
ain'd Trællis,
od many Cities
Cypræ, and in
e Island of
bos.

The Doctrin of
Christ destroy'd
image-worship.

The Wars be-
wixt Cæsar and
Pompey, and
Anthony and
Augustus: Or
rather, the Wars
betwixt the Hea-
then Emperors
and Constantine.

Now when there shall be Earthquakes
and grievous Thunderbolts, Claps of Thun-
der and Lightnings, Blasts upon the Land,
and Madness of ravening Wolves, Slaugh-
ters and Plagues amongst Men, as well as
roaring Bulls, of quadruped Beasts and la-
borious Mules, Goats and Sheep, the plow'd
Land shall be neglected and left untill'd,
and Fruits will be wanting, and many Men
will become licentious, and rob Temples ;
then the Tenth Generation of Men shall ap-
pear, when he that thunders and shakes
the Earth shall destroy the Zeal for Images,
and shake the People of *Rome*, which is seat-
ed on seven Hills ; a vast quantity of Riches
will perish and be burnt in the Conflagra-
tion of the City, and then bloody Drops
shall descend from Heaven, and the infinite
number of Men in the whole World shall
in anger slay one another ; and in the Sedi-
tion God shall send Famine, and Plagues,
and Thunderbolts amongst Men, who judge
the Just without Justice : There shall be a
want of Men in all the World, so that if
any one sees the Footstep of a Man upon the
Earth, he will wonder.

Then the great God, who lives in Hea-
ven, shall save every where the religious
Men ; and then shall be Peace and profound
Knowledg, and the fertile Earth shall pro-
duce again much more Fruit ; it shall not
be divided, nor brought into Bondage ;
every Harbour and Port shall be free to all
Men, as they were formerly ; And then
God

God shall make a wonderful Sign, a Star
shall shine very like to a shining Crown,
being very glorious, appearing in a clear
Sky for many Days.

This is the Star
at Christ's Birth
or the Light
which appeared
to Constantine

Then he will shew the Crown that is given
to the Victors in Combats, for then shall
be the great Age of striving to get into the Heavenly City, and he who hath the Glory of Immortality shall be a Dispensator of it to Men : Then all People shall strive for immortal Rewards by a famous Victory, for there any one may buy a Silver Crown without Shame ; for Christ, who is pure, will appoint just Rewards for these, and crown them who are try'd. But he will give an Eternal Reward to the Martyrs who continued their Fight to Death, and to the Virgins who run their Course well. He will give an Eternal Reward, that is laid up for them, and to them, who do Justice ; to all Men, and to all sorts of Gentiles who live holy Lives, and to them that know one God, and to them that love Matrimony and abstain from Adultery he will give rich Gifts, and Eternal Hope. Every Soul of Men is the Gift of God, and it is not lawful for Men to defile it with all Wickedness *.

See Rev. 7. 13
is the Reward
the seal'd Jew.
and Gentiles
with Palms &
white Robes.

This is the Strife, these are the Fights, these the Rewards ; this is the Gate of Life, and the Entrance into Immortality, which the Heavenly and Just God hath appointed as a Reward of human Victory ; and they

* Here some
many Verses o
of Prophylides,
but they inter-
rupt the Sense
I therefore reje-
'em.

The SISYLLINE Oracles.

who receive the Crown with Honour shall enter into Heaven by it.

The Martyrdoms
continued till
Constantine's
time, and they
were then happy
had liv'd till the
Church was set-
led. But after this Sign hath appear'd in all the World, Children shall be born grey-headed; great Afflictions shall happen to Men, Famines, Plagues, and Wars, change of Seasons, mourning, and many Tears.

After the Fourth
Century the Nor-
thern Invasions
brought all these
Miseries. Alas! how many Widows shall miserably lament their Children, and shall bury their Relations Bodies with their Limbs in the Earth, the Mother of all, they being defiled by Blood and Dust!

O very timerous Men of the last Age, grievously wicked, and Fools! not considering, that when the Tribes of Women do not produce Children who shall conquer the Tribes of Women, the Harvest of Men shall be very great, (that is, a Destruction shall be near) and there will be no Consent in Doctrines when some Deceivers arise in the World with great Fame, as Prophets, and then shall *Belial* come, and do many Wonders amongst Men; then shall be a destruction of holy Men, who were elect and faithful: And there shall be a depopulation of these *Hebrews*; and a great Vengeance will pursue them.

he Return of
the Jews, who
first shall con-
quer the Gen-
tles (the Turks)
all be conquer'd by the Turks, because their Empire must last till the Milen-
ium, When the ten Tribes of the Jews shall return from the East, seeking the People whom the *Affyrian Prince* destroy'd, who are of the same Generation, these shall destroy

stroy the *Gentiles*, but they shall again reign over the faithful elect *Hebrews*, tho' very valiant Men, conquering them as they did formerly, because their Kingdom must continue to the end of the World.

He that is above all, the Inspector of all, who lives in Heaven, shall cause all Men to be as it were in a Sleep, and cover their Eyes from seeing. *Happy are the Servants whom their Master coming, shall find waking*: Let all watch for him, always expecting him with waking Eyes, for he shall come in the Morning, or Evening, or the middle of the Day: He shall certainly come, and it shall happen as I have declar'd; he shall surprize them sleeping, when he comes from Heaven. Then all the Stars will appear in the middle of the Day to all Men, with two Comets, the time hastening; and then the *Thesbites* directing his Celestial Chariot from Heaven, descends on the Earth: And he shall shew to the World three Signs of the end of Life. Woe to those Women who shall prove with Child in those days, and to them that give suck to young Children, and to them that inhabit on the Waters, and to them who shall see that Day: For a great Darkness shall cover all the World, from East to West, North and South. Then shall a great River of burning Fire descend from Heaven, and consume every place, the Earth, and fiery River from great Ocean, and smaller sky-colour'd Seas, Ponds, Rivers, and Fountains, and the im-

The three Signs of *Elias* are, the Darkness, the fiery River from Heaven, and the two Comets.

placable

placable *Hades*, and the utmost part of Heaven. Then the Heavenly Stars shall melt into one mass, and into a rude figure; for all the Stars which appear at Sea shall fall from Heaven, and all the Souls of Men shall gnash with their Teeth, being burnt in the River with Sulphur and vehement Fire upon the hot Soil: All things shall be cover'd with Ashes; then all the Elements of the World shall be useless, the Air, Earth, Sea, Light, the Heavens, Night and Day; the Birds shall no more fly thro' the immense Air, nor the Fish swim in the Sea, nor a laden Ship be carried on the Waves; nor shall the Oxen be directed to plough the Fields; the Winds shall not make any noise in the Trees, but all things shall be melted into one mass, and collected into a pure body. When the incorruptible Angels of the Immortal God shall come, *Michael*, *Gabriel*, *Raphael*, and *Uriel*, who knowing what evil Actions every one has done in time past, they shall bring the Souls of Men out of the airy Darkness, to Judgment at the Throne of God, who is Immortal, and the Supreme, for there is only one Incorrputible, he that is Omnipotent, who is the Judge of Men. And then the Heavenly God shall restore to the Dead their Souls, Breath, and Speech, and Bones fitted to each Limb, and Flesh upon Flesh, and Nerves, and Veins, and Skin, and Hair upon the Skin as formerly: All these shall be immortally joyn'd together, and the living and

The Judgment
of the Wicked,
and the Resur-
rection of the
Body.

and moving Bodies of the terrestrial Men shall rise in one Day. Then the great Angel *Uriel* shall break open the great Prison of severe and unyielding Adamant, and the brazen Gates of *Hades*, and shall bring all the sad Souls to Judgment; chiefly those of the ancient *Titans*, who were Idols or Giants, and those who were destroy'd by the Flood, and those who were drown'd in the Sea, and those whom the Beasts and creeping Creatures, and Fowls have devour'd; he will call all these to God's Tribunal, and all them who perish'd in the devouring Fire; and these also he will raise, and cause to stand before the Throne of God, when He shall raise the Deceas'd, and loose the Bonds of Death: Then *Sabaoth Adonem*, the Author of Thunder, shall sit on his Heavenly Throne, and fix a great Pillar, and Christ shall come gloriously on a Cloud, with his good Angels, to the Immortal, he himself being immortal, and he shall sit honourably at the right side of the Throne, judging the Lives of the Un-godly, and the ill Manners of wicked Men. And *Moses* shall come, the Friend of the high God, being cloath'd with Flesh: And great *Abraham* shall come, *Isaac* and *Jacob*, *Joshua*, *Daniel*, and *Elias*, *Habakkuk* and *Zorobabel*, and they whom the Hebrews slew. And he shall destroy all that were after *Jeremiah*, before the Throne, those Jews who were condemn'd to receive the Reward which their Works requir'd, and be punisht for

for all they did in their mortal Lives; then all shall pass thro' the burning River, and the inextinguishable Flame: All the Just shall be sav'd, but the Wicked shall be destroy'd for ever, who have formerly done evil Actions, or Murders, or are conscious of Wickedness, Lyars, Thieves, Cheats, and grievous Pests of Families, Betrayers of their Guests, Adulterers, Blasphemers, Cruel, Injurious, Lawless Idolaters, and they who have forsaken the Great Immortal God, are become Blasphemers, Tormenters of the Godly, Unfaithful, and Destroyers of Just Men, and old Men with their deceitful and impudent double Faces (or Vizors) who appear as honourable old Servants, and reverently judge, but do wickedly to others; they are Deceivers, perswaded by Fame, being more destructive than Panthers and Wolves; or the most wicked, or exceedingly proud, or Usurers, who every where heap Usury upon Usury, injuring Pupils and Widows with great Damages; or those who give to Orphans or Widows what they have got by wicked Practices; and those who give of their own, but reproach at the same time; and they who leave their Parents in their Old-age, neither repay the whole Debt, by affording them Nutriment; also they who disobey them, or speak harsh Words to them; and they who deny things entrusted with 'em, but enjoy 'em themselves; and Servants that rebel against their Masters; and they who

who defile their own Flesh by Lasciviousness ; and they who corrupt Virgins, privately enjoying them ; and they who being with Child, occasion Miscarriages ; and they who wickedly expose their Children ; and those Men or Women who use poysoning ; those, with these, the Anger of the Immortal and Incorruplicle God will fix to the Pillar where the everlasting River of Fire flows round it on every side. All these the Angels of the Immortal and Eternal God shall grievously punish with fiery Whips and burning Chains, binding them in Bonds that cannot be broken, afterwards in a Darkness like Night they shall be thrown to the wild Beasts in Hell, who are in the *Tartarian* Prifon, which are many and horrible, where there is an extream Darkness.

The Punishment
of the Wicked
Hell.

But when they have suffer'd who had an evil Heart many Torments there, afterwards a fiery Flame from the great River shall inclose them round about, that they there may remember their wicked Deeds, and then they shall lament afar off from one another their miserable Fate, both the Fathers and their young Children, and the Mothers, with their weeping Sucklings ; and there shall be no measure of their Lamentation, neither shall one understand the Voice of another when they miserably howl, but they shall cry out, being tormented afar off in the dark and large *Tartarus* ; and in that wicked place they shall suffer thrice

thrice as much as they have done evil Works. They being much spent by the Fire, shall gnash with their Teeth, and consume by the force of the Tornents and Thirst, and shall say, it were a happy thing to die, but Death shall fly from them, they shall have no ease by Death, or in the Night; and they shall in vain ask many things from God, who governs above, but he shall plainly turn his Face from them; for he gave them the time of seven Ages to repent in, who have erred, in which they might have repented: And this by the hand of a pure Virgin, (that is, by the preaching of a pure Church.)

*Note, the Church
was a pure Vir-
tue till the 7th
Century, when
the Tyranny of
Mahomet and
the Corruption
of the Papal
Church began.*

*The Reward of
he Righteous in
he Millennium,
which represents
he Heavenly
state.*

*The State of an
Earthly Paradise
in this World.*

But they who gave themselves to the study of just and good Works, and to Piety and holy Thoughts, shall be carried by the Angels thro' the flaming River, into a place of Light, and into a Life without Cares, where the immortal Path of the great God is, and where three Fountains of Wine, Honey, and Milk flow. And the Earth shall be equal to all, not divided by Walls or Partitions, but shall bear much Fruit spontaneously: All shall live in common, and their Wealth shall be undivided; neither Poor nor Rich shall be there, nor Tyrant, nor Servant, ~~nor~~ the greater or less than the other: No King nor Leader, all shall enjoy all things in common; and none will say the Night is come, nor to Morrow or Yesterday is past; and no Care shall be for many Days: There shall be no Spring nor

nor Summer, nor Winter nor Autumn, nor Marriage, nor Death, nor buying or selling, nor setting and rising of the Sun, for there shall be a long Day.

The Almighty Incorruptible God shall grant this also to the Righteous, when they shall pray to him, that he will preserve them from the pernicious Fire and everlasting gnashing of Teeth; and this he will do, when he gathers the Faithful from the eternal Fire, placing them in another Region, he shall send them by his own Angels into another Life, which will be eternal to them that are immortal, in the *Elysian* Fields, where are the large Waters of the eternal *Acheronian* Lake, which is very deep.

At last the Good
shall be sent from
a terrestrial Pa-
radise into an-
other Heavenly
place.

' Alas ! alas for my miserable self ! what
' shall I do in that Day, for all those things
' I have done thro' Madnes ? I have offend-
' ed in every thing, neither observing the
' Vow of Wedlock, nor careful to follow
' Reason. I liv'd effeminately with a rich
' Husband, and excluded the Poor out of
' my House ; and I did many wicked things
' before, well knowing of it. But Thou,
' O my Saviour ! deliver me from my Tor-
' menters, tho' I am infamous, and have
' done immodest things. I beseech thee, let
' my Prophecies, which are deliver'd in
' Verse, cease a little while, O holy Giver
' of Manna ! O King of the great King-
' dom !

Another Part of the Second Book,
which ought to be referr'd to the
Beginning of the Thrid.

The C O N T E N T S.

God is describ'd as the Creator, and is alone to be worshipped, and not Idols. Christ must be born when Rome had conquer'd Egypt; and he must Govern the World. Three must destroy Rome, after which the World shall have its end; but the Sibyl promises to declare the Calamities which shall happen in every City, in their order; which is done in the third Book.

' **T**HOU Heavenly Author of Thunder,
' who art happy, and hast the Cheru-
' bim under thy Throne! I pray thee spare
' me a little, who always speak the Truth,
' for I am weary in my Mind. But why
' does my Heart palpitate again? Why is
' my Mind, struck with a Whip, forc'd to
' declare from within, a Prophecy in Verse
' to all Men? I will speak all things which
' God commands me to declare to Men.

O Men! having the divine Form in your Image, why do you in vain err, and not walk in the streight Path, always remem-
bring

bring the Eternal Creator? For there is one God, who is a Monarch ineffable, living in Heaven, Author of himself, invisible, he alone seeing all things, whom no Carver in Stone, nor any Artificer in Gold or Ivory, made, or can represent his Image, but he hath shew'd himself from all Eternity, *who is, and was, and is to come.* For, what mortal Man can behold G O D with his Eyes? And, who is capable alone to hear the Name of the Heavenly Great God, who governs the Wworld, and by his Word created all things, both Heaven and Sea, the unwearied Sun, and the encreasing Moon, and the shining Stars, and our strong Mother the Earth, the Fountains and Rivers, incorruptible Fire, Days and Nights.

This God made *Adam*, whose Name consists of four Letters, who was first made; and by his Name and Posterity fill'd the East, West, South, and North: He made the form and figure of Men, the wild Beasts, the creeping things; and Fowls. You do not worship or fear God, but vainly err, worshiping Serpents, and sacrificing to Cats and other Idols, the stony Statues of Men, and place them before the Doors of prophane Temples. Adhere to the true God, who preserves all things. You being delighted with the vain Beauty of the Stones, forget the Judgment of the Immortal Saviour, who made Heaven and Earth.

O Generation of bloody Men, deceitful, wicked, impious, double-tongu'd, Lyars,

ill-natur'd, Adulterers, Idolaters, treacherous ! who have a violent Inclination in their Hearts to do Mischief ; they live by Robbery, and have much Impudente in their Minds ; for none that is rich, having Plenty, will give to another, but there shall be an exceeding Wickedness in all Men ; they shall have no Faith, and many Widows shall privately love others for Gain, and they that have Husband's shall not observe the Laws of Wedlock.

The Kingdom of Christ, after the Conquest of Egypt by Augustus.

Rome must be destroy'd by bree, the Goths, Vandals, and Turks at last ; hen the World nust be burnt.

But after that, *Rome* shall govern *Egypt*, uniting it to the Empire : Then the great Kingdom of the Immortal King shall appear amongst Men, and a holy King shall come, commanding all the World for all Ages of Time to come ; and then the inevitable Anger of God shall fall on the *Latins* : Three shall destroy *Rome* by a miserable Fate, and all Men shall be destroy'd in their own Houses, when the River of Fire shall descend from Heaven. O me miserable ! when that Day shall come, and the Judgment of the Immortal God, the great King !

Now why do you build Cities, and adorn them all with Temples, Studies, Market-places, gilt, or catv'd, or cover'd with Silver, or made of Stone, that you may come to that sad Day ? For it shall come when the Smell of Brimstone descends amongst Men. But I will declare all things, in what Cities Men shall suffer Calamities.

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Note. This Prophecy about the Destruction of Rome by three, cannot relate to *Augustus*, *Antonius*, or *Lepidus*, because they did not destroy Rome; and they were before Christ; and the World must end when the *Turkish Pyrates* have destroy'd it: as is here describ'd in the Eighth Book.

Note. All the things which she will declare, are in the Third Book; and this is the Preface to it.

THE
THIRD BOOK.

The CONTENTS.

This Book has the Account of Antichrist in its beginning, which is out of its place, and ought to follow the Account of Belial in the Second Book, and not to precede the History of the Tower of Babel in the Third. Belial shall come out of Sebastia, his Royal City, and work Miracles, and be burnt, and at the same time a Woman shall govern; she shall become a Widow, and lose her Riches, and then the World shall end.

The tenth Age is after the Flood, when the Titans reign'd; after them the Monarchies. The old History of the Jews. Babylon will suffer much under the Persians, and Egypt be conquer'd by 'em.

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Mesopotamia is call'd Gog and Magog ; it shall be a place of Wars, under the Persian and Grecian Monarchies.

Libya shall be miserable under the Revolutions of the Persian, Grecian, and Roman Empires.

The Western parts must suffer by Land and Sea, for the Destruction of the Temple in Judea ; and Italy become a Desart.

In the Western parts a Comet (A. D. 453) and Earthquakes destroy many Cities in Asia and Europe ; the River Tanais shall alter its Course. These Signs happen'd before the Northern Nations invaded Italy.

Constantinople is describ'd, and the peaceable times of Constantine. The Goths shall come into Macedonia, and plunder both East and West ; the Saracens conquer in Europe, and after that Babylon shall be subdu'd by them.

The Turk is call'd a cruel Man, who will come into Asia, and conquer it, and the Constantinopolitan Emperor, who is call'd the Father of the ten Horns. The first Families of the Turks shall be destroy'd, who were of the Zelzuccian Race, but they shall leave. Root, the Caramanian King ; and these at last were overcame by the Ottoman Race ; Aetunc adnascens cornu regnabit. He shall conquer Phrygia and Ilium, and these Wars must be writ by another lying Homer, who will impute all to the Saints. Then Chalcedon, Lycia, and Cyzicus must suffer by the Western People ; and Byzantium will encourage the Wars against the Western Princes, who for that reason they conquer'd it ; and then the Venetians seiz'd the Islands. Rhodes, Samos and Cyprus were taken by King Richard ; and the Western Princes conquer'd the Persian Forces which came to the assistance of the Turks in the Holy War.

Italy shall have Civil Wars at this time, (betwixt the Guelfs and Gibellines.) Laodicea shall be overthrown, the Thracians drove out of their Country, the Saracens or Arabians shall invade Campania; Cyrenus and Sardo drowned by a Winter Storm; the Caramanian Kingdom set up in Myzia: Carthage shall not last long, (it was taken by the French.) Great Misery will follow in Galatia, and Tenedos, Sicyon, and Corinth shall rejoice and lament equally. Phœnicia, and all the Maritime Towns are destroy'd (in the Holy War.) Crete shall suffer much Burning and Slaughter (by the Ottoman Invasion.) Thrace shall suffer by the Galatae and Dardaniæ, (the Bulgarians joyning the Turks in Asia, against the Emperor) and afterwards Gog and Magog, (the Tartarian Princes) Marsag, Angon, Lycia, Myzia, Pamphylia, Lydia, the Moors, Ethiopians, Cappadocians, and Arabians, shall submit (to the Turk.)

The barbarous Nation shall conquer Greece, killing the third part of Men, (i. e., Men fit for War.) At this time there will be 1500 Years since the Romans conquer'd Greece, but (the Turks) the wicked Nation must possess it till the end of the World.

When the new King of Egypt shall reign, being the Seventh of Greece, he shall conquer all Asia and Egypt, (this Prince is Selymus 1517) then will be the Reformation of Religion, when Image-worship will fall: And there is a Caution given to the Reformers, against Covetousness, and that Wars, Tumults, Plagues, and Famines should succeed. The Grecians shall be drove out of their Country, and afterwards a long Peace. The present State of Europe is thus describ'd:

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Et regem capiet Rex, terramq; auferret illi,
 Et gens delebat gentem, populosq; dysastis,
 Mutabitque homines tellus.

The next thing to succeed is,

barbara totas

Græcorum pingues agros populata potestas
 Tollit divitias. *This is the Invasion of Macedonia by an Egyptian Prince, and after that Depredation a Sedition shall happen in Greece, but these Miseries shall end in a general Peace.*

Then God will send one from Heaven, who shall procure Peace by killing some, and joyning others in League.

The Jews shall flourish in much Riches and Princely power, and Ornaments ; then the Gentile Princes shall invade Judea, and besiege Jerusalem, but God shall destroy them in an extraordinary manner, by Fire from Heaven, and by War, and Hail, and the wild Beasts shall feed on their Carcasses : then the Jews shall live securely 700 Years, free from War, and in great plenty in the Millennium.

The young Bride will rejoice (that is, the Church) because God inhabits in Her ; and all Creatures will live in peace one with another ; the Wolves and Lambs, the Bears and Calves ; and the Lions will eat Grass.

These are the Signs of the End of the World : At the end of the Millennium a Sword appearing in the Night, a Dust falling from Heaven, the Light of the Sun failing at Noon, the bloody colour of the Moon, some Signs in the Stones, Armies of Horse and Foot seen in the Clouds, with a Noise like that in the hunting of wild Beasts. Then the Sibyl describes her self as coming from Babylon, and the Grecians will call her the Erythraean, mad and

These are the
 Egyptian Prin-
 ces who invaded
 Greece, or Gog
 and Magog.

and false Sibyl, because she prophesied ill things of Greece; but they will be of another Opinion when these things come to pass. Erythra is a Town in Ionia.

OUT of Sebastia afterwards Belial shall come, and do many Wonders; he shall raise an appearance of a high Mountain, and of the Sea, and of the Great fiery Sun, and of the splendid Moon, and of the Dead rising, but these Wonders shall be deceitful, and not real Miracles; he shall delude many Men by them, both the Faithful and Elect Hebrews, and also wicked Men of the Gentiles, who had not heard the Word of God: but when the Threats of the Great God shall come, and the flaming River, like a Torrent, shall fall on the Earth, it shall burn Belial, and all proud Men, who have believ'd in him.

Note. That Belial signifies *homines perditus*, and must be taken for a Succession of Saracen, Caliph, and Turkish Kings, who fixed themselves in the Royal Cities, *Damascus*, *Babylon*, *Jerusalem*, and the Turks at first in *Sebastia*, when the Tartars drove them out of *Perse*; the Greeks called *Augustus* *Sebastos*, and many Cities, as *Sebastia*, were called so from his Name. This is in *Asia minor*, and there is a Province in *Egypt*, called *Augustanica*.

Sebastia, a C. in Cappadocia.

Mabomet was the Founder of this Empire, and he pretended to raise himself in three Days. He says, he divided the Moon into two parts. Hippolytus, *de Consummatione seculi*, reckons these Miracles of Antichrist: *Sextis eum Lepram &*

*Paralyxin curaturum, mortuos excitaturum, Dapno-
nas ejeturum, futura & absentia denunciaturum,
Montes translaturum, super Mare ambulaturum, Ig-
nem de Cœlo deducaturum, solem circumacturum, quo-
cumque libuerit.* The Sibylline Oracles make the
Turk Antichrist, who embrac'd Mahomet's Do-
ctrine, and Tyranny, and they call him the *Little
Horn*. Their Prophecy concerning the Destructi-
on of Antichrist cannot be taken from *Daniel*, or
the *Revelation*, because *Sebastia* is here mention'd,
and the Magical Delusions of *Mahomet*, which
are not in them.

And then the World shall be rul'd by the Hand of a Woman, believing her in all things ; but when she shall become a Widow, and govern all the World, and cast her Silver and Gold into the great Sea, and throw also her Brass and Iron, such as short-liv'd Men use, into the Sea, then all the Elements of the World shall become old, and cease; when God, who lives above, shall roll up the Heavens, as a Book is rolled up, all the various parts of the Heavens shall fall on the Earth and Sea ; then a Cataract of pernicious Fire shall continually flow down, and burn the Earth, the Sea, and the Heavens, and the Seasons (which are distinguish'd by them) and all the Creation shall melt into one Lump, and shall be collected into a pure mass; there shall be no more the smiling Globes of the Stars, nor Night, nor Morning, nor many Days of Care, nor Spring, nor Summer, nor Winter, nor Autumn ; and then the Judgment of

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of the Great God shall be reveal'd in the great Age, when all these things are done.

Note, The Woman here mention'd is the same as in the *Revelations*, chap. 17, who shall rule in the *West*, whilst Antichrist tyrannizes in the *East*; and therefore the Woman is not the Antichrist, but the Western Pope, represented first by a Woman, and at last by a Widow. The Woman in the *Revelations* brags, that she is no Widow: She shall unfortunately loose her Riches, by casting them into the Sea; that is, by the *Turkish* Pyrates, discrib'd in the eighth Book. And after the destruction of *Rome*, the World shall end, and be destroy'd by Fire, and then shall be the last Judgment. All that is here mention'd about Antichrist and the Woman, belongs not to this Book, but to the second, where *Belial* is mention'd. The great Age is that which succeeds the *Millennium* itself.

O the Navigable Waters, and all the Earth, where the Sun rises and sets! all Things shall obey him who comes into the World again; for the first World experienc'd his Strength and Power.

Note, This Prophecy shews that all the Earth shall be renew'd by Christ's Prayer, by which he made the first World. And this is also out of its place, and belongs to the second Book.

Note farther, this Third Book with its Preface at the second Part of the second Book, ought to begin here.

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The Tower of
Babel, and the
Confusion of
Tongues.

But when the Threats of the Great God are accomplish'd, with which he threaten'd the Men who built the Tower of *Babel* in the Country of *Affyria*, then all spake the same Speech, and seem'd to design to ascend as high as the Stars; then the Immortal God sent a Wind, and when it had overthrown the very high Tower, and had occasion'd a Contention amongst one another, Men gave to that Town the Name of *Babylon*: but after the Tower fell, and the Speech of Men differ'd by all sorts of Words, then all the Earth was divided, and fill'd with different Kings, and then was the tenth Generation of Mankind, from the time the Flood came on the first Men, and then reign'd *Saturn*, and *Titan*, and *Josephus*,

Note. This Account of *Babel* differs from that in Scripture, but there is the same History of it in *Josephus*; and Mr. *Gregory*, in his description of that Tower, which is part standing, says, the first Design of it was never finish'd; but we may well conjecture by this Account from the Oracles and *Josephus*, that the top of it was blown down by a Tempest, and the rest stands as a sufficient Testimony of the Truth of this ancient History: and the same Tempest of Thunder might so alter the Speech of the Workmen, that their Tongues becoming like Paralyties, might occasion different Dialects of the same original Language, that is, the *Perfians*, *Arabians*, *Syrians*, and *Hebrews* Language, were only different Dialects of it, and from the mixtures and different Pronunciations all other Languages arose.

Note farther, Here is continu'd the History of the times after the Flood, which is begun in the first Book, and there abruptly broken off.

Note farther, That the Reign of the *Titans* is in the seventh Generation in the first Book, but then the Generations were reckon'd from *Adam*; but here the reckoning is from the Flood, the tenth Generation of Men, the first is more properly call'd Periods, or Ages.

the best Children of the Earth; and they were call'd Celestial Men, by giving them their Name from the Earth and Heaven, because they were the most excellent of all Men: The Earth was divided into three parts, according to the Lott of each; and each of them ruled in their own Share. And then they had no Wars, for they were bound by an Oath, which their Father impos'd; and their Shares were just and equal: But when their Father was dead, in his Old-age, the Sons transgress'd their Oaths very much, and they began Strife amongst one another, who should have the Kingly Government over all Mankind; and *Saturn* and *Titan* fought, but *Juno*, the Saturn's Reign
and Fight with
the Titans. Barth, and *Venus*, who delights in Garlands, and *Ceres*, and *Vesta*, and beautiful *Diana*, reconcil'd them, causing them to meet, and telling them, That they were all Brothers, of the same Blood as other Men, and that they were of the Blood of the same Parents; and they decreed that *Saturn* should be the King who should rule all Men, because he was eldest, and most Majestick: But *Titan* impos'd

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impos'd this great Oath on *Saturn*, not to breed up any Male Child, that he might reign when *Saturn* grew old, and dy'd. When *Rhea* brought forth, the *Titans* were present, and they destroy'd all the Males, but permitted the Mother to preserve the Females. But when Venerable *Rhea* lay in the third time, she was first deliver'd of *Juno*; and after they saw she was a Female, the Savage *Titans* departed: But afterwards *Rhea* brought forth a Male Child, and presently sent him into *Pbrygia*, to be nursed privately. She chose three *Cretans*, and bound them by an Oath, therefore he was call'd *Δια*, because he was sent (by Men bound by an Oath, which is esteem'd Divine) and *Neptune* was also sent privately thither. But the Divine *Rhea* was deliver'd again of *Pluto*, the third Son, when she pass'd by *Dodona*, whence the Stream of the River *Eurotas* and *Peneus* in Thessaly. *Eurotas* flows, and falls into the Sea; and mixes with *Peneus*, which is call'd the Stygian Waters. When the *Titans* had heard that there were Sons born to *Saturn* and *Rhea*, privately kept, *Titan* gather'd sixty of his Progeny; he bound *Saturn* and *Rhea* in Bonds, and kept them in a dark Prison, under the Earth; but the Son of strong *Saturn* heard of it, and rais'd a great War, and a Tumult: and this is the beginning of War amongst Men, and the first course of humane Wars.

Then God brought Evil on the *Titans*; and all the Generations of the *Titans* and *Saturn*

Saturn dy'd; but in future Ages afterwards he rais'd the Kingdom of *Egypt*, and then that of the *Persians* and *Medes*, *Aethiopians*, and *Babylon* in *Affyria*, and afterwards of the *Macedonians*, and of *Egypte* again, then of *Rome*.

Note, By this old Fable of the *Gentiles*, the first Wars amongst the Posterity of *Noah* are describ'd. This Age was accounted the fabulous Age, because the *Gentiles* wanted the true Histories of the Times after the Flood; they believ'd that their Gods were born in *Crete*, and thence the Rites of their Worship were deriv'd to other Countries: In *Pbrygia*, *Rhea* was worshipp'd. By this History the Sibyl proves, that the Heathenish Gods were *Noah's Sons*; and by this instance, we may discern that this Sibyl us'd the History of the World as they found it in the *Gentile* Historians.

Then the Voice of the Great God darted suddenly into my Mind, and commanded me to prophecy in every Country, and to declare what shall happen to all Kings. Then God alone communicated this first to me, how many Kingdoms of Men should rise, for the House of *Solomon* shall first Reign, then the Governour of *Phænicia* and *Asia*, and other Islands, the Kingdoms of *Pamphylia*, *Persia*, *Phrygia*, *Caria*, *Mysia*, and of the Generation of the rich *Lydians*; and after all these Kingdoms, the proud and impure *Grecians*; and then the great and various Nation of the *Macedonians* shall afflict Men with a terrible Cloud of War, but the Heavenly God shall destroy them utterly.

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Afterwards there shall a new Kingdom begin, wearing white Helmets, on the West of the Sea, which shall reign over many Countries, and shake many, and terrifie all Kings; at last it shall gather much Gold and Silver by plundering many Cities, and then Silver and Gold and great Ornaments shall abound in the whole World, and they shall afflict Men, but afterwards these Men shall fall; when they govern with a wicked Pride, they will presently be over-run with a Load of Impiety; they will be guilty of Sodomy, and will appoint young Boys to be kept in shameful Houses: And there shall be in those days a great Affliction amongst Men, which shall disturb and destroy all things, and fill all places with Calamities, shameful Covetousness, and ill-got Riches, but especially *Macedonia*, by which a Hatred will be rais'd; and all manner of Deceit will be amongst them to the seventh Kingdom, in which the King of *Egypt* shall rule, who is of the Grecian Stock.

Note, The sixth *Ptolemy* was protected by the Romans, against *Antiochus*, and then the *Zos*, being deliver'd from his Oppression, flourishi'd.

And then the People of the Great God shall become strong again, who shall instruct all Men in the Ways of Life.

the Punishment
of the Titans
and Saturn. But why has God put it into my Mind to speak this also, what Evils shall come first, what afterwards, and what shall be last

amongst Mankind, and what shall be the beginning of these?

First the *Titans* shall be destroy'd by God's appointment, and the Sons of strong *Saturn* shall suffer Punishment, because they bound *Saturn* and the chaste Mother of his Children. Then will be the small tyrannical States in *Greece*; after them the proud, fierce, impure Kings, who were adulterous and very wicked: And there shall be no Rest to Men from Wars, and the stupid *Phrygians* shall all be destroy'd; and then shall be the Destruction of *Troy*; then shall Mischief come upon *Affyria* and *Persia*, *Libya* and all *Egypt* and *Ethiopia*: And Calamities will come on the *Carians* and *Pamphylians*, and all Men.

Troy destroy'd.

But why do I reckon them singly? When the first Evils end, the next will follow: I will describe the first or chief.

The holy Men shall suffer Calamities who live about *Solomon's Temple*, who are the Children of Just Men, and I will also celebrate their Tribes, and the Generation of their Fathers, and all the People: I will declare to you, O subtil Mortals! all things plainly, after a various manner.

There is a City in the Land of *Affyria* from whence came the Generation of the Just Men, who always took good Counsels, and did good Works: They are not soldiers about the Circular Motion of the Sun, nor of the Moon, nor other Works wonderful on the Earth, nor search the depth of the

The original History of the Jews, and their Religion.

the serene Ocean, nor the ominous Signs by Sneezing, or the Auguries by the flying of Birds, nor Prophecies, nor them who use Poisons, nor Enchanters, nor the Deceits of foolish Words spoke by those who can speak from their Bellies without moving their Lips, nor the Predictions of the *Chaldeans* by Astrology, nor by Astronomy; for all these things are Delusions which foolish Men daily invent, exercising their Minds in unprofitable Works, but by Deceit teach them to miserable Men; from whence many Mischiefs happen to Mortals in the Earth, by causing them to err from good Ways and just Works: But they who study Righteousness and Virtue, and avoid Covetousness, which produces an infinite number of Evils to Men, Wars and great Famines, these observe the just Bounds in their Fields and Cities; nor do they steal in the Night from one another, nor drive away the Herds of Bulls, Sheep, or Goats; nor does one Neighbour take from t'other the Limits of his Lands; nor does any rich Man oppress his inferiour, nor afflict the Widows, but rather assists them, supplying them with Meat, Wine, and Oyl, being always happy in their People, giving part of their Harvest to them who have nothing, and to the poorer sort, fulfilling the Command of God, as a commendable Law; for God has made the Earth common to all Men. But when the People of the twelve Tribes, with their Leaders sent from God, shall

shall leave *Egypt*, and travel pleasantly, marching in the Night by the direction of a Pillar of Fire, and a Cloud like a Pillar leading them by Day : God shall make *Moses* their Leader, a Man of Renown, whom the Queen found near the Fenns, and took him up, and nursed him, and call'd him her Son. He leading the People whom God brought out of *Egypt* to Mount *Sinai*, God there gave the Law from Heaven, writing all his just Precepts in two Tables ; and he commanded them to observe 'em ; and if any disobey'd, he was punish'd according to the Law, and by human Hands ; but if his Offence was unknown to Men, he was destroy'd by all sorts of Judgments. God hath made the Earth common to all, and Faith and good Thoughts are put into our Souls ; for these alone the fertile Earth produces Fruit, from one to an hundred, God giving it its measure. But Calamities shall befall the *Jews*, and they shall not escape the Plagues. And thou leaving the beautiful Temple, shalt fly ; for it is determined that thou shalt leave the Holy Land : And you shall be led into *Affyria*, and you shall see your young Children serve cruel Men ; and your Wives also, and all your Provisions and Riches, shall be destroy'd. All Countries shall be fill'd with you, and every Sea, and all Nations will hate thy Manners and Customs. All the Land shall be Desart to thee, and the Altars prohibited and defended against thee, and the Temple of the

*Moses led the
People out of
Egypt, anno. &
diluvio 857.*

great God, and thy large Wall, shall all fall to the Ground, because thou didst not preserve in thy Mind the pure Law of the immortal God, but erroneously hast serv'd unworthy Idols. Not have you fear'd the immortal Father of the Gods, and of Men ; and thou wouldest not honour him, but hast worship'd the Images of mortal Men. For these things thy fruitful Land shall become a Desart to thee seventy Years, and so shall thy wonderful Temple ; but the End shall be for good and great Glory, as God shall perfect it, and a Mortal (*Cyrus*) ; but do you remember and believe the pure Laws of the great God, when he shall lift up streight your weary Knees into a place of Light.

Then God shall send from Heaven a King, and he shall prove every Man by Blood and burning Fire ; but there shall be one Royal Tribe, whose Generation is unblamable, and this shall rple in future Ages, and begin to build a new Temple for God ; and all the *Persian* Kings shall bestow Gold, and Brads, and Iron, which is capable of much work ; for God shall give him in the Night a holy Dream, and then the Temple shall again be built as it was formerly.

his Dream is
not mentioned in
scripture.

When my Mind had ceas'd from delivering this Prophecy in Verse, and I had entreated the great Father to cease from forcing me, the Voice of the great God came again into my Soul, and commanded me to prophecy thro' every Country, and to tell Kings what should come to pass hereafter.

And

And this thing God first put into my Mind to speak ; how many sad Calamities he had prepar'd for *Babylon*, because they had destroy'd his great Temple.

Alas ! alas for thee *Babylon*, and the Nation of the *Affrians* ! a howling Noise shall pass thro' that Land of wicked Men, and the Shouts of Men for Victory shall destroy all the Country ; and the great God shall consume and afflict it, who is the Author of my Song ; for Vengeance shall come on thee from the Air above, and an eternal Fury shall descend from the holy places in Heaven upon thee, and shall destroy thy Children ; and then thou shalt be as at first, as if thou hadst not been born ; and then thou shalt be fill'd with Blood, as thou hast spilt the Blood of good and holy Men, which now cryeth to the high Heavens.

O *Egypt* ! a terrible great Slaughter shall befall thee, which thou didst hope would never befall thee ; a Sword shall pass thro' the midst of thy Land, and a Dispersion, and Death, and Famine, shall follow ; but in the seventh Generation of the Kings thou shalt have Ease and Rest.

Woe to thee, O Land of *Gog* and *Magog*, lying between the *Aethiopian* Rivers ! how great an effusion of Blood shall be in thee ! and Men shall call thee the House of Judgment ; and thy Land, which is well water'd, shall drink much black Blood.

*Carthage de-
stroy'd by the
Romans.*

*The Northern
Invasions.*

Alas for thee, O *Libya*! Alas for the Sea and Land in the Western Nations! you shall come to the miserable Day, you shall come being exercis'd in a Conflict which will be terrible and difficult; you shall have a fearful Judgment again, and you all are condemn'd to Destruction, because you have destroy'd the great Temple of the Immortal God, grievously grinding it as it were with-Iron Teeth: For this cause thou shalt see thy Land fill'd with dead Bodies, some slain in War, and all the force of evil Spirits; others by Plagues and Famine, and by Men of a barbarous Fury: All thy Land shall become a Desart; and thy Cities forsaken.

Note. This Prophecy must come to pass after the Destruction of *Jerusalem* by *Titus*; and it seems to me to correspond with the Destruction of the Heathen Emperors by *Constantine*, describ'd in *Rev. 6.* under the sixth Seal, where 'tis call'd the *Day of Wrath*: Or this respects the Northern Invasions.

*1 Comet appear-
ed in 453, a sign
of several Inva-
tions.*

In the West a Star shall shine, which is call'd a *Comet*, and that is accounted among Men a Sign of War, Famine, and Death by Plagues, and of the slaughter of great Commanders and Noblemen. And there shall be other Signs amongst Men; for the *Maeotic* Lake and deep *Tanais* shall not continue their flux of Waters, and there shall be a fruitful Land in its Chanel, which shall stop the

the course of the River, tho' it be infinite-
ly encreas'd.

There shall be great Openings of the
Earth, and vast Caverns shall appear, and
Men with their Cities shall be swallow'd up.

These Cities shall be overthrown in *Asia*, *Colophon*, a City
Iassis, *Cerbre*, *Pandonie*, *Colophon*, *Ephesus*, in *Ionia*. *Eph-*
Nicæa, *Antiochia*, *Sinope*, *Tanagra*, *Smyrna*, ^{she is in Ionia,}
Marus; and these Towns in *Europe*, *Cyagra*, ^{on the Sea.} *Nicæa*, a City in
Clitus, *Basilis*, *Meropea*, *Antigone*, *Magnesia*, ^{Bithynia.}
Mycene, *Pantheia*, *Hierapolis*, wealthy *Gaza*, ^{Sinope is a Port} in *Paphlagonia*.
and *Astypulæi*.

Note, A great part of *Antioch* fell by an Earth- 363 *Nicomedia*
quake, Ann. 525. And 458 *Antioch* was ruin'd by fell by an Earth-
quake, which overruin'd Cities
in *Macedonia*,
Asia, *Pontus*.
Vide *Ammianus Marcellinus*.

Then know the pernicious People of *Egypt* are near Destruction, and then the best Year will be over with the *Alexandrians*: When *Rome* hath receiv'd the Tributes of *Asia*, then *Asia* shall receive thrice as much Money again from *Rome*, and shall repay the same pernicious Injury to it: And as many as have serv'd the *Italian* Families, of those that came from *Asia*, twenty times as many shall be Slaves in *Asia*; and the *Italians* shall be punish'd with an infinite Poverty.

Note, that Constantine brought all the Riches he could, and many Inhabitants, from old *Rome* to *Constantinople*, and so the Empire passed from *Europe* into *Asia*; as *Lactantius* observes.

O luxurious rich Virgin, the Offspring of *Latin Rome*! being intoxicated by many celebrated Nuptials, thou, who art a Servant, shalt not be married to the World; Thy Mistress often cuts off thy delicate Hair, inflicting Punishment on thee; she throws thee from Heaven to the Earth, and raises thee from the Earth to Heaven again, because thy Inhabitants live unjust and wicked Lives.

Note, That *Constantinople* is the Offspring of *Latin Rome*, and it was call'd *New Rome*. It was first built by *Pausanias*, destroy'd by *Severus*, re-built by *Constantine*, and then became after one of the Seats of the *Roman Empire*. It was besieg'd many times by the *Saracens*, taken by the *Latins*, and at last by the *Turks*, and now is the chief Seat of their Empire.

This is now a desolate place. Samos shall become an heap of Sand, and Delos shall disappear,

Note, Tho' both the Islands remain, yet they might suffer by Earthquakes, which ruin'd the Buildings, and dispeopled those Countries; as it happen'd to *Dobr*, *Samot*, *Metropolis*, *Rhodes*, *Cos*, in *Augustus's Reign*. *Delos* was wasted in the time of *Misbridores*; those Islands are not destroy'd, but

but only made desolate by Earthquakes. *Tertullian* quotes this Oracle, *Cum inter Insulas, quae
jus Delos, barema Saxon, & Sibylla non mendax;* therefore he had a good Opinion of the Sibyls, who had foretold this Event. *St. Jerom* mentions an Earthquake, in these words, *Anno. 369 terra
motu per totum Orbem facta, Mare littus egredi-
tur, & Sicilia multarumq; Insularum Urbes, & in-
numerabiles populos opprimit.*

Rome shall become a Ruin, (or a Village) and all things predicted shall come to pass.

Note, *Rome* became a smaller City when the Emperor Constantine remov'd from it; and *Rome* was oft taken, and suffer'd by the invasions of the *Heruli, Goths* and *Vandals*, and the Western Empire for many Years destroy'd.

And there shall be no mention of vindicating the Destruction of *Smyrna*, but only the ill Counsels and the Treachery of the Governor.

Peace and Tranquillity shall happen to the Countries in *Asia*; then *Europe* shall be happy, the Seasons shall be fruitful, settled, without any Tempest or Hail, producing all things, Birds, and creeping things on the Earth: That Man or Woman is happy who comes to that time; he will be happy, like the Countryman who securely speake, and sees all about him. All manner of just Laws shall descend from Heaven amongst Men, and just administration shall accompany them; and found Concord, which is

This was in
Constantine's
Days, when he
embrac'd Christianity.

profitable to Men, Love, Faith, Hospitality: but ill Laws, Envy, Reproach, Anger, Madness, Poverty, Force, Slaughter, pernicious Contentions, cruel Wars, Thefts in the Night, and every evil thing shall Men avoid in those Times.

he Goths and
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ith the Eastern
mperior.

he Saracens
onquest.

But *Macedonia* shall occasion a great Damage to *Asia*. A great Mischief shall befall *Europe* from the Breed of *Saturn*, who are Sons of a bastard Servant; and they shall conquer strong *Babylon*, and all Countries which the Sun shines on: She was formerly call'd *Queen*; She shall be destroy'd by extraordinary Ruin, and shall not govern her wandring Posterity.

Note, The *Saracens* were the Sons of *Hagar* by *Ishmael*; *Abraham* is *Saturn*, and these conquer'd many of the European Countries, some *Italy*, and *France*, and *Spain*, *Sicily* and other Islands, and they fixed their chief Seat at *Babylon*, and built *Bagdat*, Ann. 760.

he Turk's com-
g into *Asia*.

But in time there shall come a perfidious Man into the happy Country of *Asia*, being cloath'd in purple Garments (like a Prince) he will be cruel, of strange Manners or Laws, of a hot fiery Temper; a flash of Lightning seems to go before him; and he shall impose hard Slavery on all *Asia*, and that Land shall drink much Blood, which will be shed on it.

Note, that *Aladin*, of the *Zeluccian* Family, A. D. 1200, fled from the *Tartars* in *Perse*, into *Asia*, and seiz'd on *Cilicia*, and settled a Kingdom first

first at *Sebastia*, and afterwards at *Iconium*; but at last the *Zelzuccian Family* was destroy'd by the *Tartars* and *Mammalukes*, in *Persia*, *Syria*, *Palestine*, and *Egypt*, about the Year 1260.

The *Saracens* came first into *Afia*, and the *Turks* afterwards, who destroy'd the other; and there were two great Families of them, the *Zulzuccian* and the *Oguzian*. The *Tartars*, in 1202, destroy'd the *Zelzuccians* in *Persia*; and *Solomon*, who was the head of the *Oguzian*, fled from *Persia* also, and was the original of all the *Ottomans*, who in time destroy'd the other Family.

His Generation shall be destroy'd by the Generation of those whose Generation he would have destroy'd.

Note, The *Zelzuccian* would have destroy'd the *Oguzian*, when *Ottoman* began his reign, but this in time prevail'd over the *Caramanian Kingdom*, which is the Root here mention'd to be left.

But they left one Root [the *Caramanian Kingdom*] which shall be destroy'd by War; and that shall cut off the Father of the Royal Stock, a Warriour, and he shall plant another Plant near the ten Horns; but as soon as he hath taken care of *Ida*, which was utterly destroy'd, then he shall perish by the Sons of them who conspire in the same Fate of War, and then the Horn planted near the ten shall reign.

The *Tartars*
conquer'd the
small Kingdom
in *Afia minor*,
and made them
Fributaries.

Note, After *Aladin's* Death, these Princes divided his Kingdom: To *Sarachon* fell *Achaia*, *Ionia*, and part of *Lydia*; to *Aidin* the rest of *Lydia*,

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Lydia, Phrygia major, and the greatest part of greater Myzia ; to Cerasus, the lesser Phrygia, with the rest of Myzia ; to the Isfendians, the Cities of Heraclea, Sinope, and part of Pontus, next to Bithynia ; but the main body of the Turkish Kingdom was seiz'd by Caraman, who had these Provinces, viz. Lycia, Lycania, Pisidia, Pamphylia, Isauria, Cilicia, with the Regal City of Iconium, the greatest part of Caria, part of Cappadocia, and Armenia minor.

Ottoman succeeded his Father Rebegal in a small Village in Bithynia, Anno 1280 ; he conquer'd Nice, Phrygia, Bithynia, and part of Pontus, and he was the first Sultan of the Oguzian Family, Anno 1300.

These were of the Zelzuccian Family : Tangropolix, who conquer'd Persia, Curlumuses settled in Asia minor, Meleck and Ducas in Damascus, Aleppo, Syria ; all these were in time conquer'd by the Tartars and Ottomans.

The Turks are here describ'd to conquer Phrygia, and they are the little Horn, or Antichrist ; they were originally Scythian Herds-men, and are represented by the small Horns of Sheep. This is the second Beast in the *Revelations*, chap. 13.

The Turks. And there shall be a Sign to fruitful Phrygia, when the corrupt Stock of Rhea shall flourish with prosperous Roots, and make a perpetual Inundation.

* Dorileum, a City in Phrygia, ruin'd by an Earthquake.

Am. Marcellinus says, The Sea is the cause of Earthquakes ; therefore Neptune's here call'd Concussor Terra.

The Atiseik, in the City Antandros, a Country oft shaken with Earthquakes, shall be utterly destroy'd in the Night ; and this City is call'd *Dorileum, in old black Phrygia, an unfortunate Country : There shall be a time for Earthquakes, which open the Gaverns of the Earth, and throw down the Walls

Walls of Cities ; these Earthquakes are Signs of Evils to come, and are the beginning of them.

Note, That about the Year 1300, when the Ottoman Kingdom began, there was a Comet, and the greatest Earthquake that ever happen'd. See Platina.

The sad Calamities of the Pamphylian War shall then happen, and then shall be spilt the noble Blood of the old *Eneada* ; and they shall again be made a Prey to Men in love. O *Ilium* ! I pity thee, for in *Sparta* a Fury shall flourish, as a Plant beautiful and famous, and shall occasion various Tumults in the Countries of *Europe* and *Asia*, but chiefly to thee he shall bring Mournings, and Sighs, and Labour ; and he shall have everlasting Fame amongst Posterity.

Note, That the Governour's Daughter of *Abydos* fell in love with *Abdarackmen*, a Turk, and betray'd that Castle to him, in the time of *Orchanes*, Son of *Ottoman*, who took *Nice*, *Prusa*, *Nicomedia*, and *Gallipollis* in *Tbrace*, Anno 1358.

In 1472 *Modenichis*, the *Venetian* Admiral, plunder'd *Lesbos*, and the Coasts about *Pergamum*, and so return'd to *Palepolynsis* ; he then plunder'd the Coasts of *Caria* and *Pamphylia*, and burnt *Smyrna* ; and the *Venetians* are the *Egregium Germen* here mention'd.

And then an old false Writer shall appear in that time again, counterfeiting his Country ; being also blind, he shall have much Wit

Wit and Eloquence, but a small measure of Reason.

They shall call him *Chion*, being two Names mix'd, and he shall write the History of *Ilium*, not just as things are, but according to my words ; and he shall use the same Verse. He shall first celebrate my Books, by turning them over with his Hands, and he shall much adorn the Commanders in the War by his Praises, *Priamus's Son Hector*, and *Achilles the Son of Peleus*, and all others who delighted in War, and he shall make the Gods to assist them, writing falsely in every thing, that spacious *Ilium* may give Reputation to those who dy'd as mortal Men ; but he shall publish his alternate Verses.

Note, That this was some Christian Poet, who writ the Wars betwixt the Christians and Turks, and attributed all Success to the Saints and Virgin *Mary*; but because he is mistaken by vulgar Readers for *Homer*, it is commonly believ'd that *Homer* stole some Verses from the *Sibyls*.

And the Progeny of the *Locrians* shall do much Mischief to *Lycia*; and the People of *Aetolia* shall come to *Chalcedon*, and depopulate it, being seated on the narrow Passage of the Sea.

Note, The *Locrians* are from a Province in Achæa, and from them came the *Locri* in Italy. These are the Grecian Pyrates who invaded *Chalcedon*, *Lycia*, and *Cyzicus*. *Chalcedon* is in *Bithynia*,

nis, over against Constantinople. Cyzicus in Mygia,
near the Propontis.

And the Sea (or *Pontus*) shall destroy thy Riches, O *Cyzicus*! Thou, *Byzantium*,^{A Town in Mygia.} shalt encourage the Wars in *Asia*, for which thou shalt be rewarded with Sighs and much Blood.

Note, In the Holy War, the Constantinopolitans betray'd the Christians, Anno 1147, Comnenus being Emperor, for which Reason they seiz'd Constantinople in 1204, and then the Venetians possess'd the Eastern Islands, and the Maritime Towns in Peloponnesus.

And the great Strength of *Lycia* shall be from the height of the Mountains.

Note, That Lycia is compass'd on three sides with Mount Taurus, and was a part of the Kingdom of Caramania; and the Rivers mention'd do represent the continuance of the Turkish Empire there till the end of the World.

And the Waters shall flow from the opening of the Rock, till the Prodigies spoke of by the Prophetic Fathers shall cease.^{The Jewish Prophets are the Prophetic Fathers.}

O *Cyzicus*! inhabiting the *Propontis*, where Vines grow, *Rhyndacus* shall resound about thee with swelling Waves: And thou, *Rhodes*, shalt be free for a long time from Slavery. O Daughter of the Day (or Sun)! thou shalt obtain much Riches after-

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afterwards, and thou shalt have a more excellent Command in the Sea than any others; but at length thou shalt become a Prey to Men that are thy Lovers for thy Beauty or Riches, and submit thy Neck to a Yoke that is grievous:

Note. That Rhodes flourish'd in a Command at Sea under the Romans; and then gave the Maritime Laws. It continu'd under the Constantino-pitan Empire till taken by Mahomet, in the beginning of the Saracen Empire; it was recover'd by the Grecians, and taken by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, 1308, and at last conquer'd by Soliman, 1522.

But the Lydian Commotions shall spoil the Affairs of Persia and all Asia, and Europe shall horribly suffer by them.

Note. The Zelzuccian Kings vigorously oppos'd the Rise of the Ottoman Family, and Persia was Confederate with them. They warred with Amurath, Anno 1387, and with Badjazet afterwards; and the Princes in Greece were in League with them; and when the Turks were in War with the Europeans, the Caramanians rebell'd. By the help of the Persians, Mahomet the Great drove Pyramet out of Caramania, who fled to Uſu Casfanes for help in Persia, Anno 1473, and the Zelzuccian Turks call'd the Tartars into lesser Asia, to defend them against the Ottomans.

But the Sidonian pernicious King, and the War of his other Confederates, shall bring a miserable Destruction on the Samians,

men, by their Ships; and the Sea with a great noise, and the Wives, with the Dam-fels in splendid Garments, shall complain of their indecent abuses: These shall lament their Dead, and the other their Children slain.

Note, This Destruction must happen by the Turks.

This shall be the Prodigy in *Cyprus*, the Earthquake shall destroy the Armies, and many shall perish together.

Note, That *Cyprus* was subject to Earthquakes, and both Town and Idolatrous Temple are said to perish at the Prayers of St. *Barnabas*, but this Earthquake must be in the Time of the Ottoman Empire's beginning. It was conquer'd by the Saracens, 656, by King *Richard* 1191; and the Venetians held it from 1472, to 1561, when *Selimus* took it. 1291, *Hugo*, the last King, with many Christians flying into *Cyprus*, were drown'd near it, and sometimes by Earthquakes Invasions are describ'd.

Trallis, that is near *Ephesus* (a City in *Lydias*) shall lose its well-built Walls by an Earthquake; these were built by pernicious Men, of a great Spirit. Then the Earth shall produce boiling Waters, and by its weight falling in, shall drink up the same; but there shall remain a smell of Sulphur.

And *Samos* at a certain time shall build Royal Houses.

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Note, That Samos is now desolate; it was subject to the Greeks, Venetians, and now to the Turks.

O Italy! thou shalt have no foreign Wars, but the effusion of Blood amongst thy own Nations shall afflict thee, being very impudent, but not easily wasted, very famous and celebrated: That part of Italy which is extended near the hot Baths, shall destroy it self, upon the account of those things which it saw would come to pass. Thou shalt not be a Mother of the Good, but a Nurse of wild Beasts; and other pernicious Men shall come from Italy.

Note, That from 1300 to 1400 there were Civil Wars in Italy, betwixt the Emperors and the Popes Factions, the Guelfs and Gibellines, which prevail'd in Italy also at the same time the Turk took Constantinople, Ann. 1455. The Wars betwixt the Emperors and Popes continued 200 Years, from Gregory the Seventh, 1073, to 1273. That part of Italy near the Baiae is Naples, whose Kingdom was transfer'd from the Normans to the Germans, then to the French, after to the Hungarians, and at last to the Spaniards by the Popes; and they divided the Italian Cities amongst the Scaligers, Estenses, Gonzaga's. The Duke of Milan attempted the whole Government of Italy, and had continual Wars with the Florentines: And Ladislaus, the King of Apulia, attempted the taking of Rome thrice. These things happen'd from 1200 to 1400. And the wild Beasts are the Princes mention'd, the other Pernicious Men may be some of them, or the Emperors.

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Then *Laodicea* (a splendid City on the Banks of the divine River *Lycus*) shall be thrown down by an Earthquake : Thou shalt become silent, and no more lament thy magnanimous Parent.

Note, That *Laodicea* was built by *Antiochus*, and had its Name from his Wife *Laodice*. *Laodicea*, *Sardis*, *Philadelphia*, and *Magnesia*, which are neighbouring Cities, were oft subject to Earthquakes ; and this must happen in the time of the Turks Conquests.

The *Thracians* who live at *Byzantium* shall be driven from their Houses to another place. [This was when the *Turks* took *Constantinople*, many fled from thence.]

The *Arabians* shall be in *Campania*, because of the extraordinary Famine ; but, after many Years, they shall lament their Parents.

Note, The *Arabians* did invade *Campania*, (that is, the *Saracens*) but, after some Years, were drove out again.

Cyrnus (*Corfica*) and *Sardo* (*Sardinia*) shall sink into the bottom of the Sea, by the Storms of Winter, and by the Strokes of the holy God, in their Maritime Houses (or Ships.) Alas ! how many Damsels shall die ! and the Deep shall cover the young Maids living on the Shore. Alas for the Children swimming on the Shore, and the abundance of the Riches !

Note, This is the same Inundation on *Corsica* and *Sardinia*, of which the History may be lost.

The happy Land of the *Mysians* shall suddenly raise a Princely Stock ; but *Carthage* shall not continue long. And the *Galatians* shall have much Mourning, and *Tenedos* shall have the last, but greatest Mischief.

Note, The *Caraffan* and *Aidinian* Kingdoms were set up in *Mygia*, a Region in *Asia minor*, by the *Zeluccian* Turks, but they lasted a small time, being conquer'd by the Ottomans. The European *Mygia's* are *Servia*, conquer'd by the Turks under *Mahomet*, 1460 ; and *Bulgaria*, in 1396. I am of opinion, that *Carchedon* is mistaken for *Chalcedon*, because the rest of the Places are *Asiatic*. But the City of *Carthage* was taken by the French 1270, and *Tunis* by *Charles V.* 1535.

Tenedos was taken by the *Venetians* in the War of *Candia*, but retaken by the Turks, 1657.

And thou, *Sicyon*, shalt boast in the howling of thy brazen Instruments ; and so shall *Corinth* ; yet over all, the Pipe shall equally sound : (that is, they shall both be conquer'd, and invaded by the Turks. These are both Cities in *Peloponnesus*, conquer'd by *Mahomet*.)

But when my Mind had ceased from my inspir'd Verse, the Word of the great God came again into my Breast, and commanded me to prophecy concerning every Land.

The Cities in *Pheenicia* overthrown by the Turks.

Alas for *Pheenicia*, both Men and Women, and for all the Cities on the Sea-Coasts ! for not one of you shall remain in being

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under the Sun, nor any great number of Years, nor Tribes of People, because of their deceitful Tongues and wicked impure Lives, which they all liv'd, and spake profane Words from their impure Mouths, which are false and wicked ; and they rebell'd against the great God and King, and spake falsely with their wicked Mouths ; for this cause they shall be conquer'd by a horrible Slaughter thro' the whole Land, and God shall send them a miserable Fate, burning the Cities to the Ground, with their Foundations.

Note, That *Ptolemais* was taken by the *Egyptian* Sultan and burnt, and the Foundation dug up in 1291. At that Siege there were many Murders, Felonies, Rapes, &c. committed in the City, and the Governours at variance about the Command of the City. In 1290, *Tyre* and *Sidon* were burnt by the *Mammaluke's* Sultan of *Egypt*, and now they are heaps of Ruins. And *Selymus*, before his Conquests of *Egypt*, took *Phoenicia* from the *Mammalukes*.

O *Crete* ! who must suffer many Troubles ! for a Slaughter shall happen to thee, which shall be a horrible and everlasting Overthrow, and all the Earth shall behold thy burning, and the Fire shall not leave thee for an Age, but thy burning shall continue so long.

Note, The Turks burnt and pillag'd *Crête* 1571, but at last took it from the *Venetians* by a long War.

Alas for thee, *Thrace*! because thou shalt come into a servile Yoke when the *Galatians*, mix'd with the *Dardanide*, shall violently waste *Greece*, and then thou shalt suffer Mischief: Thou shalt do Injury to other Countries, and receive the same thy self.

Note, The Turks took *Gallipolis* in *Tbrace*, ann. 1358; and afterwards *Adrianople*, in 1362; and *Constantinople*, in 1453. The *Dardanide* are in *Upper Meſia*, call'd *Servia*, near *Macedonia*, or in *Asia minor*, from *Dardanum* in *Mysia minor*. The Turks wasted *Greece* before they took *Constantinople*, and oft brought their *Asiatic Armies* into *Tbrace*.

Woe to thee *Gog* and *Magog*, and all the other in order, *Marſog* and *Angon*! How many ill Fates will attend thee? Many to the People of *Lysia*, *Mysia*, *Phrygia*, and the *Pamphylian* Nation: And many Evils will fall on *Lydia*, the Moors, *Aethiopians*, and other Nations of a barbarous Language; the *Cappadocians* and *Arabians*. But why do I relate all the Particulars? for the Highest will send a terrible Slaughter on all Nations who inhabit the Earth.

Note, *Cappadocia* was conquer'd by the Turk ann. 1537; and then was also *Galatia* and *Armenia* subdued by him. The Countries which lie Northward in *Little Asia* the Turk did conquer, after their Conquest of *Tbrace*, when the *Caramanian* and other small Kingdoms rebell'd against the *Ottoman Emperors*. And *Ottoman* conquer'd many Provinces before his Successors came into

Europe. At this time they conquer'd the *Tartars*,
Gog and Magog, or the *Mesopotamians*, so call'd Hierapolis in
by the Sibyls: the *Tartars*, in their own Tongue, Comagene is ca-
are call'd *Mogli*, from *Magog*. There is a Hill in led Magog by i-
Asia minor call'd *Mesogn*, which may be Marjog Ailrians.
here mention'd. *Angon* is mistaken for *Dagon* for
the *Philistins*, whose God he is.

But when the most barbarous Nation shall come into *Greece*, it shall destroy the Kingdoms of many great Men, and many fat Cattle of the Inhabitants, the Horses and Mules, and Herds of bellowing Oxen, and unjustly burn the well-built Houses, and by force carry away many Slaves into another Land; and the well-cloath'd Women, who were tenderly kept, out of their Chambers, who will fall down thro' the delicate tenderness of their Feet; they shall see 'em in Fetters under their barbarous Enemies, suffering all manner of cruel Reproach; and none shall spare them, or help 'em by War, or defend their Lives, but they shall see their Enemies enjoying all their Possessions, and all their Wealth; their Knees shall tremble, a hundred shall fly, and one shall destroy 'em all; five shall overcome a strong Army, they shall shamefully fight, and raise terrible Tumults, which will give great Joy to their Enemies, and Grief to the *Grecians*; and all *Greece* shall be reduc'd into Slavery and Bondage. And they shall not only suffer all the Miseries by War, but by a Plague also: And God shall make the great and high Heavens

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like Brass, the Earth shall be like Iron, not having any Rain, but all Men shall afterward grievously lament their Lands un-sown, and untill'd, and burnt with Fire; and God, who made Heaven and Earth, will raise high Trees on that Land fit for Masts; and the Third Generation of Men shall grow up again (the Men fit for War).

O *Greece!* why do you confide in Princes, who are mortal Men, who cannot avoid Death, to which they must inevitably come? Why do you give vain Offerings to the Dead, and sacrifice to Idols? Who hath instill'd this Error into your Minds, to do these things, leaving and forsaking the Face of the great God, but own the Name and Worship of him, who made all things? Do not forget that it is 1500 Years since the proud Kings reign'd in *Greece*, who first led Men to these Wickednesses, to make many Idols of Gods, who are only corrupt dead Men, for whose sake you were taught to think of vain things: But when the Anger of the great God shall fall on you, then you will acknowledge the Person of the great God, and all People shall much lament, lifting their Hands up to the large Heavens; and they shall begin to call on the great King to help 'em; and they shall seek who shall be their Deliverer from this great Wrath,

Note, That the Christian Idolatry is here re-prov'd, which they learnt from the Greeks; for when the Turks conquer'd *Greece*, the Heathen Idolatry

Idolatry was extinguish'd long before in that Country. The computation of the 1500 Years is from the last Heathen King of *Greece* till the Ottomans, who, according to the Sibyl Prophecy, now took possession of it : *Perseus*, the last King, was carried to *Rome* 159 Years before Christ, and *Badjazet* conquer'd *Macedon* 1373, from whence to *Perseus* will be 1532 Years ; the odd Years are not usually reckon'd in Prophecies.

But learn this, and keep it in your Minds, how many Funerals shall happen in *Greece* in the Ages to come : And when *Greece* shall sacrifice Bulls and Oxen at the Temple of the great God, as Holocausts, it shall escape the noisie War, and its Terror, and the Plague, and also be deliver'd from Bondage and Slavery again : But yet the Generation of wicked Men shall remain there till the fatal Day of the end of the World shall happen ; for *Greece* shall not sacrifice to God till all these things are come to pass : For there is an absolute necessity that all things should be done which God alone wills and decrees should be brought to pass.

Note. The Turks must continue in *Greece* till the Millennium, when Christ will come to destroy them. Whosoever does consider this Prophecy concerning this Conquest of *Greece*, and its Slave-ry, which must last to the end of the World, must acknowledge, that 'tis a true Description of the Turkish Conquests there, after he had conquer'd little *Afia* and *Thrace* ; and, that under the notion of the old *Grecian Idolatry* the Worship of Saints and Images in the Christian Church is represented

ted, 'which must continue in that Church till the Millennium ; tho' in the Western, in some parts, it shall be reform'd.

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Then shall rise a holy stock of Righteous Men, who will observe the Counsels and Law of the suprem God, who will honour the Temple of the great God, by Libations and Fumes and holy Hecatombs, with Sacrifices of fat Bulls and Rams without blemish, and the first-born of Sheep, with multitudes of fat Lambs, offering them devoutly, as holy Hecatombs, on the great Altar, and dividing 'em according to the just Law of the most High. They being happy, shall inhabit Cities and rich Lands ; they shall be Prophets set over others by the immortal God, and they shall occasion great Joy to all Men ; for God has given to them alone wise Counsels, Faith, and a good Understanding, who do not worship, thro' vain Errors, the Works of Men, made of Gold, Brass, Silver, or Ivory, and the Idols of Wood, Stone, dead Gods, or Pictures drawn to the Life by Chalk or Vermilion, which Men worship who are led by vain Counsels ; but they lift up to Heaven their pure Arms and Hands, and every Morning, when they rise from Bed, they purifie their Skins by washing in Water, and worship God, who is always great and immortal ; and afterwards their Parents, and after that, the most excellent amongst Men : They are mindful of holy Wedlock ; neither

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ther do they use impure Sodomy, as the *Phœnicians, Egyptians, Latins, large Greece,* and many *Gentiles* of other Countries, as the *Persians, Galatians,* and all *Asia* use, transgressing the holy Laws of the Immortal God by many Transgressions; for which reason the Immortal hath brought upon all Men Mischief, Famine, Losses, Grief, Wars, Plagues, and painful Tears; because they would not honour after a holy manner the immortal Father of all Mankind, but worship'd Idols; and things made by their own Hands were ador'd, which the same Person threw away, hiding 'em for Shame in the Clefts of the Rocks.

When the new King of *Egypt* shall reign, the seventh in his own Country, and be reckon'd as one of the *Grecians* Kingdom, which the neighbouring *Macedonians* shall add to their Empire,

Note. That *Bajazet* first conquer'd *Macedonia*; the second King of it was *Solyman*; the third *Mahomet*; the fourth, *Amurath II*; the fifth, *Mahomet II*; the sixth, *Bajazet II*; the seventh, *Selymus III*, and he conquer'd *Egypt A.D. 1517*, at which time the Reformation began. And then this holy Nation are the Protestants who rejected the *European Idolatry* at this time; and *Selymus* is thus reckon'd the seventh of the *Grecian Emperors in Macedonia*, and a new King in *Egypt*.

a great King shall come as a fierce Eagle, *Selymus.*
out of *Asia*, who shall cover all the Earth
with Horse and Foot, and shall beat down
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all Things, and fill all Places with Misery; and he shall overthrow the Kingdom of *Egypt*, and carry away all the Riches as he departs thro' the great Sea.

Note, That *Selymus* conquer'd *Syria* and *Palestine* before he came into *Egypt*, and slew the *Mammalukes* Princes; and he took *Grand Cairo*, and sent all its Riches by Sea to *Constantinople*. This Story of *Selymus's* Conquest of *Egypt* confirms the former Interpretation, that he was the seventh Emperor in *Macedonia*. And by this History the time of the Reformation is evidently declar'd by this *Sibyl*, which is a great evidence that Providence design'd it, and approv'd the rejection of the Worship of Saints and Images.

This is an Admonition to the Reformers, to avoid Covetousness, and to do no Injury, but to burn the Idols, and worship God only: And the Christian true Worship is represented by the Jewish Sacrifice.

And then they shall adore on their bare Knees, on the fruitful Earth, the Great God and Immortal King; and then all the Idols made by Mens Hands shall be consum'd by Fire; and then God shall give great Joy to Men: For the Earth, and Trees, and great Flocks of Cattle, shall give true encrease of Wine, and sweet Honey, and white Milk, and Bread-corn, which is most acceptable to Men.

But you, O Mortals! of a various and evil Mind, leave Covetousness, turn to God and appease him, Sacrifice to God an hundred Bulls, and the first-born Lambs and Goats, but entreat him the Immortal God, who will be merciful, for he is the only God, and there is not another; and follow Righteonsness, and do no Injury to others, for

for the Immortal commands these Things
to poor Mortals.

But do you avoid the Anger of the Great
God, when a Destruction by a Plague shall
come upon all Men, and they shall suffer
Punishment by a horrible Slaughter ; and
when one King shall captivate another, and
take away his Land, and one Nation shall
destroy another, and the Governours their
People, and all the Princes shall fly into
another Land, and change their Native
Countries.

The Plague and
Wars after the
Reformation.

Note, This Prophecie relates to the Wars in
Germany, in the time of *Charles* the fifth, who
conquer'd the Protestant Electors, and took them
Prisoners, as well as the French King. And a
great Plague happen'd in Germany, 1541, and at
Constantinople also, and there were Persecutions
of the People for their Religion in *France*, and
England, and Wars in *France* afterwards, and King
Charles the second drove out of his Country.
This does represent the State of Affairs in *Europe*
in one or two Centuries after the Reformation.
Mutabitq; homines tellus; this may relate to the
French Protestants,

And a Barbarian then ruling, shall de-
stroy all *Greece*, and shall rob that rich Land
of all its Riches, and shall come against it
while they strive about their Silver and
Gold (and then the love of Riches shall do
much Injury to Cities.) In a strange Coun-
try they all shall lie unbury'd, and the Vul-
tures and wild Beasts of the Earth shall
devour their Carcasses : And when all
things

things are done, the large Earth shall consume the Reliques of the Dead, and it shall all be unplow'd and unsow'd, by which Desolation will declare the Wickedness of innumerable Men. In a great length of time, in Years to come, there shall be no need of Bucklers, Breastplates, Darts, and divers sorts of Arms; neither shall Wood be cut from the Oaks to burn.

Note. This is the miserable State of *Greece* since the Reformation; the Inhabitants drove into *Europe*, and utterly destroy'd, and *Solyman the Turk* then (1531) invaded *Hungary, Austria, Stiria, Carinthia*; but *Charles* the fifth fore'd him to retire, and the old-fashion'd Armour of Shields, Darts, and burning Wood, us'd in Sieges, was laid aside.

The Arms of the Iophi of Persia, the Sun on the back of a Lyon. And then God shall send a King from the *East*, or Sun, who shall make all the Earth to cease from War, by killing some, and making Leagues with others: And he shall not do all these things by his own Counsel, but confiding in the Decrees of the Great God, which are good.

Note. This is the same Eastern Prince, as the *Perfian*, who will come like *Tamerlane*, and conquer the *Turks*, and unite the Christian Princes, and thereby make way for the return of the *Jews*, according to the Decree of God, by which he will be excited to this War.

The Jews return to Judea. And the People of the Great God shall come loaded with great Wealth, Silver and Gold,

Gold, and purple Garments ; and the Earth shall be full of all Plenty, and the Sea furnish'd with all good things ; and then Kings shall begin to be angry with one another, contriving evil things in their Minds.

Envy is not proper for miserable Mortals, but the Kings of the *Gentiles* shall again invade that Land with great multitudes, bringing on themselves a fatal Destruction ; for they design'd to destroy the Temple of the Great God, and the best Men, when they came into that Country. These defil'd Princes shall sacrifice round about the City, every one having his Jurisdiction apart, with his Infidels ; and then God shall speak to all the unlearned and vain People with a loud Voice, and he who is the Great God shall condemn them, and they shall all perish by the Hand of the Immortal, and fiery Swords shall fall from Heaven upon the Earth, and great Lamps of Fire shall come and shine amongst Men. The Earth also, which is the common Parent, shall be shaken in those Days by the Immortal Hand, and the Fish in the Sea, and all the wild Beasts on the Land, and infinite kinds of Birds ; and all the Souls of Men, and all the Sea, shall tremble at the Presence of the Immortal, and be much afraid ; He shall break open the high Tops of the Mountains, and the waft Hills, and the darkish place of the Dead shall appear to all, and the airy Caveras in the high Mountains

The Gentiles
Kings are they
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Jerusalem after
the Millennium
at the end of the
World.

shall appear fill'd with the Dead; and the Rocks shall flow with Blood, and many Channels shall fill the Plains, and all well-built Walls shall fall down on the Earth, which wicked Men built; because they knew not the Law and Judgment of the Great God, but foolishly attack'd the Holy Place. And God shall condemn them all to be destroy'd by War or Slaughter, and Fire and Rain in a Deluge; and Sulphur shall descend from Heaven, and Hailstones many and grievous; and the four-footed Beasts shall dye: Then they shall know the Eternal God, who does these things. The Lamentation and Cry of the Men that perish shall come upon all the Earth, and they shall become mute, being wash'd in their own Blood, and the Earth shall drink the Blood of the slain; and wild Beasts shall be fill'd with Flesh.

Note. This is like the War in the 11th Chapter of the *Revelations*; and the Earthquake there mention'd, or the Earthquake and Hail in the seventh Vial, or the Destruction of *Gog* and *Magog* when they besieg'd the Holy City by Fire from Heaven: But it seems most likely to be the seventh Vial, because of the Thunders and Lightnings, Earthquake and Hail there describ'd.

The Great Eternal God himself commanded me to prophesie all these things, and they shall not be in vain, nor imperfect; what the Spirit of God only puts into my Mind shall infallibly come to pass in the World:

World : All the Sons of the Great God shall live in Quiet about his Temple, and shall rejoice in all these things which the Creator gives, who is the righteous Judge and Monarch : He alone shall protect them, and greatly assist them, as a Wall round them of flaming Fire : Their Cities shall be without Walls, all their Countries shall be free from the force of an evil War : He shall be their Defender, who is the Immortal, and the Hand of the Holy shall protect them : And then all the Islands and Cities shall say how much the Immortal loves those Men, for all things fight for them, and help them ; the Heavens, and the Sun mov'd by God, and the Moon, and the Earth, the Mother of all, shall be mov'd in those Days, and they shall sing a pleasant Hymn.

Come, let us fall all on the Earth, and entreat the Immortal King, the Great God, and Eternal ; let us send Offerings into his Temple, for there he is the only Governour ; and let us all declare the Law of the Supreme God, which is most righteous of all in the Earth ; but we erred from the Path of the Immortal, and thro' a foolish Mind we worship'd Statues made by Mens Hands, the carv'd Images of Mortal Men. These things shall the Souls of faithful Men say : Come let all the People of God fall on their Faces, let us please God the Father in every House by our Hymns ; let us throw away all Arms made for our Enemies in every Land, for the long space of seven Ages of Years

Years to come, and also the Shields, and Breastplates, and Helmets, and all sorts of Arms, and Bows, and many Arrows, or Darts, of a wicked Invention ; neither shall Wood be cut off the Oaks to burn Houses in Sieges.

But thou, O miserable *Greece* ! cease from proud Thoughts, and entreat the Immortal Conqueror, and send into this City the People that want Wisdom, who belong to the Holy Land of the Most High. Do not move a *Camarina*, it is better let alone ; nor move a Panther from his Den, lest you suffer Injury by it, but abstain ; neither entertain in your Breast prond Anger, which provokes you to quarrelling and fighting, but serve the great God, that thou maist abstain from these things when the fatal Day shall have its end.

Note. *Ne Camarinam agita* signifies to procure Evil to themselves ; and the Panther here mention'd, is the Greeks Emperor, the Turk ; so that this is an Admonition to the Grecians, not to provoke him by a Rebellion to rid themselves from his Slavery, for this must come at the end from God, who will then destroy him in the beginning of the *Millennium*, which here follows : And 'tis above intimated, that *Greece* should remain in subjection till this time, and then they should sacrifice to God.

A Description of
the *Millennium*.

The Kingdom of God shall come upon good Men ; for the Earth, which is the producer of all things, shall yield to Men the best,

best, and infinite Fruits ; Corn, Wine, Oyl, and the sweet Honey, Drink from Heaven, the Fruits of Trees, and the Acorns ; and fat Cattle, and Beasts, and Lambs from Lambs ; and Kids from Goats, and sweet Fountains shall flow with the whitest Milk, and the Cities shall be full of good Men, and the Fields shall be fruitful, and there shall be no War in the Earth, nor Tumult, nor shall the Earth groan by an Earthquake ; no Wars, nor Drought, or Famine ; nor Hail to waste the Fruits ; but there shall be great Peace in all the Earth, and one King shall live in Friendship with the other, to the End of the Age ; and the Immortal, who lives in the Heavens adorned with Stars, shall give a common Law to all Men in all the Earth, and instruct miserable Men what things must be done ; for he is the only God, and there is no other ; and he shall burn the great Strength of Men by Fire. But retain my Counsel in your Minds, fly all unwarrantable Worship, and serve the living God ; avoid Adultery, and the Confusion of *Sodomy*, and nourish your Children, and do not kill them, for with such Offenders the Immortal is angry. Then he shall raise a Kingdom for ever over all Men, when he hath given a Holy Law to the Righteous, to all whom he promis'd to open the Earth ; and the World of the blessed, and all Joys, and an immortal Mind, and Eternal chearfulness. Out of every Country they shall bring Frankincense,

cense, and Gifts to the Houses of the Great God; and there shall be no other House to be enquir'd for by the Generations of Men that are to come, but the faithful Man whom God has given to be worship'd, for Mortals call him the Son of the Great God; and all the Paths of the Fields, and rough Shores, and high Mountains, and the raging Waves of the Sea, shall be easily pass'd, or sail'd through in those Days; for all Peace shall happen to the Good, through all their Land, the Prophets of the Great God shall take away all Slaughter, for they are the Judges of Mortals, and the righteous Kings. And there shall be just Riches for Men, for the Government of the Great God shall be just Judgment. Rejoyce, O Virgin, and be glad, for He that hath created Heaven and Earth hath given thee Eternal Joy; He shall live with thee, and Eternal Light shall be given thee.

The Wolves and Lambs shall eat Herbs together in the Mountains, and the Panthers shall feed together with the Kids; and the Bears shall be kept with the Calves in the same place, and the carnivorous Lyon shall eat Straw out of the Manger, as an Ox; and very young Children shall bind them in Bonds, and a small thing will affright a wild Beast; and Dragons shall sleep with their young ones, and not hurt them, for the Hand of God shall protect them.

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Note, That the Government of God is call'd his Judgment, that is, the Judgment of the Just will be in the *Millennium*. The Virgin is the Bride, or Church, in the *Revelations*: God the Creator shall inhabit the Earth: The innocent State of the Creatures in the *Millennium* is describ'd, as in the Prophets; the *Millennium* will be before the End of the World.

But I will tell thee very clearly the Signs whereby you may know when the End of all these things shall happen in the Earth: When Swords shall be seen in the Night, towards Sun-setting or Sun-rising, in the Starry Heavens, and a Dust descends from Heaven suddenly upon all the Earth; and the Light of the Sun shall fail in the middle of its Course in the Heavens; and the Beams of the Moon shall shine, and shall presently come to the Earth with bloody Drops; and the Rocks shall give a Sign, and in a Cloud the Fight of Horsemen and Footmen will be seen, like the Cloud made in the hunting of wild Beasts; this end God, who lives in Heaven, will give to War. But all ought to Sacrifice to the Great King.

These Prodigies
before the End
the World.

Note, That the Swords may be the Tails of Comets; the Dust may come from the burning Mountains Eruptions; the Sun eclips'd by its own *Macula*, and the Moon losing its Luminous Reflection, will appear red, as in Eclipses; and the Smoke and Vapours in the Air, may represent the Fights mention'd: So that all these Signs are

probable, and may come by natural means. These Things relating to the End of the World are neither in the Old or New Testament ; and therefore these Signs were neither writ by a Few or *Christian*. *Lactantius* quotes this Book often, and so does *Justin Martyr* ; so that we know it to be genuine, tho' the Words in the Verses differ in the Quotations many times, but the Sense is the same ; which proves, that there were divers Greek Copies of these Oracles.

Note farther, That the Worship of God is describ'd thro' this Book by the *Jewish* Sacrifices, and therefore these Prophesies were writ before Christ, otherways here would have been some mention of the Sacraments.

These things I prophecy'd to the World concerning God's Wrath upon Men, when I was inspir'd with a Fury and left great *Babylon* in *Affyria* : And I am a Fire sent against the *Greeks*, and these are the divine *Ænigma*'s, which I have declar'd by prophecying ; but the Men in *Greece* will say I am of another Country, born at *Erythrea*, very impudent ; these will say I am mad, and a false Sibyl, born of *Circe* my Mother, and *Gnostus* my Father ; but when all things come to pass, then you shall remember me, and then none will say I am mad ; but a Prophetess of the Great God, who shew'd to me those things which were before my Parents ; and what things were first done, these he taught me ; and all things which were to be hereafter God put into my Mind, that I might prophecy of things that were past, and of things to come, and tell these things

things to Men ; for when the World was drowned, and only one Man of worth was left in his wooden House, swimming on the Waters with the wild and tame Beasts, that the World might replenish again by them ; I was his Daughter-in-Law, and of his Blood. The first things happen'd in his Time, and all the last were declar'd to him. Thus all things are truly deliver'd from my Mouth.

Note, This Sibyl declares she came from Babylon, and is call'd by the Greeks the *Erythrean*. The Grecians say she is born of *Circe*, a Witch, and *Gnoctus*, a Wizzard ; the Obscurity of this Prophecy got her the Name of being mad, but the Design of this Prophesie was to declare the Fate of Greece, and its conquest by the Turks ; and since all these things are come to pass in lesser Asia, Greece, and Egypt, and the Reformation from Idolatry, as this Prophesie has foretold, I have plainly prov'd, that this Sibyl was a Prophetess inspir'd by God, and that these Oracles are no Forgeries of the Jews and Christians, since this could not be taken from the New or Old Testament : And there are more Circumstances concerning Christ's Star, the return of the Jews, and the Millennium, and Signs of the End of the World, than are writ in our Bibles. And I must farther remark, that this Sibyl here owns, the History of the Deluge was writ by her, which is contain'd in the first Book ; and then I infer that she writ this Book. The Sibyl calls her self the Daughter of Noah, because she was descended from him, as all Mankind must acknowledge they did. And note, this Sibyl does not call the Turk Nero, as the following Sibyls do, and therefore she is a different Sibyl from the following.

THE FOURTH BOOK.

The C O N T E N T S.

It begins with a Declaration, that this Sibyl had non her Oracles from Phœbus, a false God, but from the great God, who is no Idol, but governs the World. He inspir'd her to relate all things, from the first Age to the eleventh. She commends Piety, condemns Idolatry, and says, God will come to judge both the Righteous and Wicked. The Wicked shall again be condemn'd to Darkness, and the Righteous shall inherit the Earth, after their Resurrection, which shall come to pass in the tenth Age. In the beginning the Assyrians shall reign six Ages after the Flood; then the Medes two Ages, and in their time a great Darkness shall happen in the middle of the Day, and many Cities shall be overturn'd by Earthquakes, and Islands rise from the Sea: then the Persians shall conquer the Medes, and obtain the Empire, which shall be happy for one Age. Then the Grecians shall come over the Hellespont, and destroy Asia. Then shall be a Famine in Egypt twenty Years, and Greece shall be invaded by a great King both by Sea and Land, Sicily shall be destroy'd by him, and

and a City drowned ; and Civil Wars shall happen in Greece, with a doubtful Victory. And in the tenth Age Macedonia shall conquer Persia : Thebes being taken, Tyre destroy'd, Samos overwhelm'd with Sand, and Delos ruin'd, Babylon shall make little resistance. The Macedonians inhabit Bactria, but thence they shalt fly into Greece. When Pyramus shall reach the Holy Island, Sybaris and Cyzicus shall fall by an Earthquake, and Rhodes be destroy'd ; but the Macedonian Empire must fall by the Romans, who will conquer Carthage. Laodicea will be ruin'd by an Earthquake, and afterwards be repair'd. Corinth shall be conquer'd, and Lycia destroy'd by an Earthquake. Armenia shall be conquer'd by the Italians, and they shall destroy the Jews Temple ; but the Romans, thro' their Wickedness and Tyranny, shall fall. Nero's Cruelty in killing his Mother is mention'd, and the vulgar Opinion, that he fled over Euphrates.

Afterwards the Destruction of the Temple and Country of Judea is describ'd ; then the same Earthquake shall destroy Paphos and Salamina, and cause an Inundation in Cyprus. The Eruption of Vesuvius shall fill the Air with Ashes, and red Drops shall fall like Minium : Then God will revenge the Death of the Godly (Christians) by Wars in the West ; and Nero (i. e. the Turk) shall come over Euphrates, and take Antioch, and destroy Syria. Cyprus shall suffer by Winter Starms. The Riches of Rome shall be brought into Asia in the Holy War. The Famine shall rise in Caria, afterwards Impiety and Cruelty shall increase, and God shall destroy the World, by burning it, and these Signs shall precede it, Swords, Trumpets, and a terrible Noise at the Sun-rising. After the Conflagration, Men shall be ranc'd from the Stars, and the Judgment shall

succeed ; and the Wicked shall be again cover'd by the Earth, but the Righteous shall again live on the Earth, and all shall see and know themselves.

Hear, O you boasting People of *Asia* and *Europe* ! what things I, who am a Prophetess of God, and not of false *Phœbus*, am ready to prophecy, which are very true, and these I will declare in pleasant Verses from my own Mouth.

Vain Men call *Phœbus* a God, and pretend that he can prophecy, but I am a Prophetess of the great God, who is not made by Mens Hands, like to dumb Idols hew'd out of Stone, neither has he a House, nor is a Stone set up in a Temple, dumb and deaf, and a disgrace to Men, being also an occasion of their Miseries. None can see God from the Earth, nor measure him with their mortal Eyes ; no Hand of Mortals made him. He sees all Men at once, but is seen of none himself. He made the dark Night and Day, the Sun, Moon, and Stars, and the Sea full of Fish, the Land, and the Rivers, and the Water of the ever-flowing Springs, Creatures for Food, and Showres to produce the Fruits of the Earth, and Trees, and Vines, and Olive-trees. This is he who agitates my Mind to declare truly to Men both things that are present, and things that will come hereafter, from the first Generation to the eleventh ; for He reveal'd and told them to me, and will perform

form them. But thou, O People ! hear the Voice of the Sibyl, who from her holy Mouth speaks these true Prophecies.

Note, This Sibyl declares, that she was inspir'd by God, and not by *Phœbus*, *Jove's Son*, the God of the Gentile Oracles : And since she begins from the first, as the *Erythraean* did, she must be another Sibyl, and probably the *Cumean*, because she uses the Character of *Nero* for the Turk : By which Observation we may distinguish two Sibyls. And she who uses *Nero's Character* may be the *Cumean*.

Those Men shall be happy in the Earth who love the great God, giving Praise to him before they eat and drink, observing Righteousness, and who avoid all the Idol-Temples they see, and their Altars and Idol-Statues of deaf Stones, which are polluted with the Blood of Mankind, and the Sacrifices of Quadrupeds; but adore the Glory of the one God : They neither commit cruel Murders, nor get great Gain by Theft, which are horrible to be done, nor have any shameful Inclination to Adultery, nor torile, odious, and loathsome Sodomy ; whoseious Life and Conversation other Men will not imitate, who delight in Impudency and deride them with Scorn and Laughte, and foolishly err thro' their want of Wisdom, who do mischievous and wicked Actions ; for all Mankind are hard to be governd. But when the Judgment shall come, both of the World and of Men, which

which God himself shall execute, judging both the Wicked and Righteous, He will send the Wicked again into Darkness; and then shall they know the great Impiety they have committed: But the Righteous shall remain on the fruitful Earth, the Spirit of God giving them Life and Victuals. All these things shall be finish'd in the tenth Age. Now I will relate these things, which will happen from the first Generation.

Note. That this Sibyl says, All must be finish'd in the tenth Age; and therefore the eleventh, mention'd above, is some Mistake, for the Sibyls say nothing of it. Since *Justin*, *Laftantius*, and *Clemens Alexandrinus* quote the Verses in this Book, it is certainly genuine; but the Quotations differ in words, and not in sense; therefore the Fathers had a different Greek Translation from the present.

The four Monarchies.

First of all, the *Affyrians* shall goern all Men for six Ages, reigning over the World from the time that the Sea cover'd the Land by a Deluge, when God was angry with the Cities and all Men. Those the *Medes* will supplant, and reign in their thrones: But they shall continue only two Ages, in which time these things will happen: There shall be a Darkness like that of the Night, in the middle of the Day, and the Stars shall be wanting in the Heaven, and the round Moon; and the Earth sha' be mov'd by a great Earthquake, join'd wth a Noise, and

and shall overthrow many Cities and Buildings ; and Islands shall rise from the bottom of the Sea. But when the great River *Euphrates* shall flow with Blood, then shall be a grievous Fight betwixt the *Medes* and *Persians* ; and the *Medes* being conquer'd by the *Persians*, shall fly over the great River *Tigris* ; and the *Persian* Power shall be the greatest in all the World, and it shall be a happy Empire for one Generation.

Then shall those evil Deeds be done, which all Men hate, Fights, Murders, Seditions, and Flights, the subversion of Towers, Insurrections in Cities : When boasting *Greece* shall sail to the broad *Hellespont*, and shall make great Devastations in *Asia*, and in fruitful *Egypt* shall be a Famine and Sterility, tho' it be fit for the Plow and much Corn ; and this shall rage there twenty Years ; when *Nile*, which makes *Egypt* abound in Corn by its Inundation, shall in some other place hide its black Water under the Earth. A great King shall undertake a War, coming from *Asia* into *Greece* with innumerable Ships ; he shall come on foot over the Sea, but shall sail on dry Land ; whom miserable *Asia* shall receive when he flies from that War.

Note, The Darkness in the time of the *Medes* may be like that which happen'd before Xerxes's Expedition, which *Herodotus* mentions. *Delos* was shaken by an Earthquake before the Peloponnesian War : the *Athenians* took *Cyzicum* and *Colophon*, and

and plunder'd *Lydia* and *Chalcedon*, under *Alcibiades's* Conduct, who then also took *Bizantium*: Or, this may be the *Lacedemonian War* with the *Perians* in *Asia minor*. When *Nile* rises under 15 cubits, there is a Dearth. *Xerxes* went over the Sea on a Bridge when he invaded *Greece*, and return'd after his defeat in a small Ship, without his Soldiers.

A fiery Torrent shall break forth from *Etna*, and burn all miserable *Sicily*; and a great City shall fall into the deep Sea.

Note, When the *Athenians* invaded *Sicily*, there was a great Eruption of *Etna*, which burnt the Country of the *Catanei* near it.

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And there will be great Discord in *Greece*; and wheh they are enrag'd against one another, they shall destroy many Cities, and kill many by fighting, but the Victory shall be doubtful amongst 'em.

But when the tenth Age shall come, then the *Perians* shall be conquer'd, and much terrified.

Note, That six Ages are allotted to the *Affrians*, (*Herodotus* says, they possess'd *Asia* 520 Years) two to the *Medes*, one to the *Perians*, in all nine; and when the tenth began, the *Perians* were conquer'd. This Sibyl reckons the Ages after a different manner than the former, from the Deluge she begins.

And when the *Macedonians* shall glory in their Empires, then the *Thebans* shall be sub-

subdu'd; the *Carians* shall inhabit *Tyre*, and the *Tyrians* perish: Then *Sand* shall cover all *Samos*, which shall be driven from the Shore, and *Delos* shall appear no more, but it shall all vanish; and *Babylon*, which appears so great a City, shall be despis'd for its small Force, and shall depend upon its unprofitable Walls. Then the *Macedonians* shall inhabit *Baltra*, (in *Perfia*) and they that inhabit *Baltra* and *Susa* shall fly into *Greece*. These things shall be when Silver-stream'd *Pyramus*, which flows by the Shore, shall come to the *Holy Island*.

Note, That King *Philip* conquer'd the *Thebans* and *Athenians* at *Charonea*, and he demolish'd *Thebes* for their Rebellion: And *Alexander* conquer'd *Tyre*, *Egypt*, *Cilicia*, *Rhodes*; then these things happen'd to *Samos* and *Delos*.

Babylon, and *Babel* its Tower, was built 253 Years after the Flood, in the Plain of *Senaar*; this was the Seat of the *Babylonian Empire* after the subversion of the *Affryian*: It was taken by *Cyrus* 3516. The *Persians* destroy'd part of *Babylon*, and Time consum'd the rest; the *Grecians* neglected it after *Seleucus Nicanor* built *Seleucia* on the *Tigris*, 300 Stadia from *Babylon*. *Seleucia* succeeded *Babylon*, and it was call'd *Babylon a Persian City*; and *Bagdat* was built near it, which is now the head City of that Country, and the Seat of the Governor. It was conquer'd by the *Tartar Hoolan*, 1259. The *Saracens* Temples destroy'd, and Christian Religion restor'd. The *Sophi Hassas* took it from the *Turks*, 1625, and *Amurath* retook it 1638, and now it remains in the hands of the *Turks*.

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Note, *Pyramus* is a River in *Cilicia*, in which there are *Cataracts*; and *Cyprus* is the *Holy Island*; and this caus'd some Inundation in *Cyprus*.

Sybaris (a City in *Calabria*) and *Gyzicus* (a City in lesser *Mysia*) shall fall when the Earth shall abound in Earthquakes: And *Rhodes* shall suffer the last and utmost Destruction: But the Kingdom of *Macedonia* shall not always continue; but in the West a great *Italian* War shall spring, by which the World shall be brought into Slavery, and wear the hard Yoke of the *Italians*; and it shall throw down every Tower of *Carthage* to the Ground.

O miserable *Laodicea*! the Earthquake shall overthrow thee, but thou shalt be rebuilt again: And *Corinth* shall see her own Captivity.

O *Lytia*! who aboundest in fragrant Ointments, the trembling Earth shall cast thee down; thou shalt fall with a noise to the Earth, and desire to fly into another Country, as a Stranger; and *Armenia* shall be subdued by the *Italians*, who also shall destroy the great Temple of God.

Note, That in the 20th of Christ thirteen Cities fell, in *Tiberius's* time. Ann. 66, three Cities fell in *Asia*, *Laodicea*, *Hierapolis*, *Colosse*: 79, three Cities fell in *Cyprus*: 112, three Cities in *Gætaria* fell by an Earthquake. The Destruction of the Jews' Temple shews when these Earthquakes happen'd, about Ann. 70, after Christ.

But

But when the *Romans*, thro' a foolish Confidence, shall cast away all Care of Righteousness, and commit horrible Murders, *Neriu*, (that is, *æi r̄or*, about the Temple, at the beginning of the Jewish War) then a great King, like a close perfidious Fugitive, shall fly from *Italy* over the River *Euphrates*; and this will be when he has committed a horrible wicked Murder upon his own Mother. And many other things he shall attempt by his wicked Hands; and many shall be slain about the holy Ground of *Rome*, [the *Martyrs*] when he flies beyond the Bounds of his Empire, [*Euphrates*].

Note, That *Nero* slew his Mother, his Wife, and his Kindred, and many Christians, *Peter* and *Paul*; he at last fled from *Rome* and kill'd himself: And this being done privately, it was vulgarly believ'd that *Nero* was fled into *Perfia*, (because the King of *Perfia* would have built him a Monument;) And there arose many counterfeit *Nero's* afterwards. *Suetonius* says of him, *Quasi vivens, & brevi magno Inimicorum malo reversus*; and the Ancient Church believ'd that *Nero* should come again at the end of the World, to be Antichrist, of whom they believ'd *Nero* a Type: So *Chrysostom* affirms, and *St. Austin* mentions the same Opinion, all which this Prediction of the Sibyl might occasion. *Nero*, in the *Sabine* old Language; (which differ'd little from the Greek) signifies Strength; and here the Name of *Nero* is us'd by the Sibyl's for all cruel Men, who slay their own Families, as the *Turks* do their Brothers.

The Terror of the *Romans* shall come into *Syria*, who shall burn all the Cities and Temple, and slay multitudes of Men in that War, and destroy the large Country of *Judea*, (which was formerly part of Syria.) And then *Salamina* and *Paphos* shall perish by an Earthquake, when *Cyprus* shall suffer an Inundation by its black Water.

Note, *Paphos* and *Salamina*, Cities in *Cyprus*, were destroy'd by an Earthquake, in *Vespasian's* time.

But when Fire shall rise out of Clefts in the *Italian* Earth, and shall reach up to Heaven, it shall burn many Cities, and kill many Men : Then the fuliginous Ashes, in great quantity, shall fill the Air, and red Drops shall fall from Heaven like *Minium* ; then shall be known the Anger of God, because they have destroy'd the innocent Stock of Righteous Men.

Note, This Eruption of *Vesuvius* was in 82, in the time of *Titus*, and it cover'd *Rome*, *Afric*, and *Syria* with its Ashes : And afterwards the following Mischiefs will befall the *Romans*, for the Martyrdom of the Christians, and Destruction of the Jews.

Then shall come into the West great Contention by the Wars, which will be stirred up, and he that fled from *Rome* shall raise a great Army, and pass *Euphrates* with many Myriads of Men. Unhappy
Antioch !

Antioch! who must cease from being a City (*the chief City in Syria*), because of thy Folly, thou shalt again be taken by the *Italian Armies*; and then *Syrus* shall be destroy'd by a Plague and a cruel War.

Note, By these words, *Then came into the West great Contention in a War*, we must understand the Invasions in the West by the Goths and other Northern People: And by these words, *He that fled from Rome shall raise a great Army, and pass Euphrates*, is signified the Turks, who came from Persia into Syria, A. D. 1075, and settl'd at *Damascus*, and some of 'em in *Phoenicia*. These words, *Antioch shall fall thro' its foolishness, and there shall be a Famine and a grievous Fight in Syria*, relate to the Times of the Holy War. It was taken by the Christians, here call'd the *Italian Armies*, ann. 1098, and was betray'd by one *Pyrrhus* to them; and to this the Prophecy refers, and not to the taking of *Antioch* by *Lucullus* or *Pompey*, because this Prophecy succeeds that of the Destruction of the Jews. *Saladine retook Antioch*, an. 1188, which ever declin'd afterwards; and there was a Plague in the Holy War.

Alas, alas! O miserable *Cyprus*! the Waves of the broad Sea shall destroy thee, who art toss'd by Winter Storms:

Note, That *Richard King of England* took *Cyprus*, after he had been long toss'd in a Storm near it, as he went to the Holy War.

But great Riches shall come into *Asia*, when *Rome* shall repay twice as much of the

H Riches

Riches which she had laid up in her large Treasury. [This is the Expence of the Popes of Rome in the Holy War.]

The Cities of the *Carians* shall be destroy'd, which are beautifully built, like Towers on the Banks of *Meander*, (a River in great Phrygia) by a grievous Plague, when *Meander* shall hide its black Water.

But when Righteousnes, Faith, and Justice are destroy'd, by Men who give themselves to wicked Enterprizes, and they shall be guilty of foul Injuries, and many other ill things, and none shall vindicate or esteem the Just, but, delighting in Injustice, they shall destroy all of 'em in Rage and Madness, polluting their Hands with much Slaughter; then they shall know God is not any longer patient, but in time will judge and destroy all the Generations of Mankind by a great Burning. [Thus the Turks must be destroy'd.]

Ah foolish Men! repent of these things, and do not provoke the Great God to Anger of all kinds, but lay aside your Weapons, your Torments, your Murders, and Injustice, and wash your Body in perpetually-flowing Rivers; and stretching your Hands towards the Skies, ask Pardon for your Actions past, and make amends for your Impiety, which has been great, by a righteous Life, and then God will repent, and not destroy you, but cease from his Anger again, if you all will follow after an honourable Righteousnes in your Souls:

But

But if you will not be perswaded by me, O Men of an evil Heart! but love Unrighteousness; and receive these Advices with a perverse Mind, Fire shall come into the World, and these Signs shall appear in it, Swords, and the sound of a Trumpet when the Sun rises, and all the World shall hear a bellowing and vehement Noise; and the Earth shall burn. And after the Fire hath destroy'd all Mankind, and all Cities, and Rivers, and Seas shall be burnt up, then all things shall become Soot and Ashes; but when all things shall be Ashes, like burnt Minerals, and God shall extinguish this immense Fire, which he had kindl'd out of the Bones and Ashes, God shall again form Men; and when he hath made Men as they were before, then shall the Judgment be, in which God shall act justly, judging the World again; and they who have liv'd wickedly, shall again be covet'd by the Earth, but they who are righteous, shall live again on the Earth, the Spirit of God giving them Life and sufficient Provisions; and then all Men shall know themselves. Happy is the Man who shall live at that Time.

Note, That this Book carries the History of the Romans as far as the Holy War, and there stops; but concludes with the burning of the World. And the coming of the Turk over Euphrates, is describ'd by Nero; Tiberius had the Cognomen of Nero: And Suetonius observes this of it, that it

significis, fortis et strenuis, in lingua Sabina. And upon the same Account the Turk is call'd Nero. This defect in the Account of the Roman Affairs is supply'd in the fifth and eighth Books. This Book keeps the Order of the History in the four Monarchies, till the time mention'd; and is a general Account of those things that will be more particularly describ'd hereafter.

THE

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FIFTH BOOK.

The C O N T E N T S,

This seems to be writ by the same Sibyl as the fourth Book; and so contain a farther Accesse of the Roman Empire, beginning with the Caesars; and ending with Adrian, and the number of each first Letter of the Emperor's Names is express'd after those Emperors; Three must reign, and the third shall command all.

Nile, by its Inundation shall destroy Egypt, and Memphis become vise in the last Times, when the worst Generation of Men shall live, (that is, the Saracens.) All the Idiotsy in Egypt shall be destroy'd, and Alexandria also, and then a wicked Man shall destroy all the Earth, (that is Qmar,) and the same Person who conquer'd Per-
fia shall War with Egypt, and kill all Men, a third part remaining, (this is the Turks War with the Saracens.) Then a King shall come from the West, and destroy all the Land (in the Holy War,) but when the terrible Man (the Saracen Caliph) shall prevail, and take Jerusalem, then a valiant King sent from Heaven shall de-
stroy the great King (the Saracens in Egypt;)
M 3 there

there then shall be many Princes in Egypt, (that is, the Turks shall supplant the Saracen Caliph, and the Mammalukes the Turks). By the Inundation of Nile, these several Invasions are describ'd. The Inundation of Euphrates shall destroy Persia; the Tigris, Babylon; the Maeander, and all Asia, to Pergamus, Pitane, Lesbos, Smyrna, Birthynia, Syria, Phoenicia; Lycia, Phrygia, Pontus; and abū n Tangrolopix, who sett'd in Persia; and Cutlumuses, who was the Head of the Turks, who sett'd in Anatolia; and another Branch possess'd Syria, Phoenicia, viz. Ducas and Meleck.

The Inundation of Penens will destroy Thessaly, (this is the Turks Invasion of Europe.)

Eridanus, (the Po in Italy) will produce many forms of wild Beasts, (many small States in Italy) at the time the great King of Rome invades the Isthmus, (that is, the Pope invades Naples, and sets up many successive Princes there.)

Then a horrible King shall fly from Babylon (this is Meleck and Ducas, who set up the Syrian Kingdom, and took Jerusalem,) or the Ottomans, who destroy'd Constantinople.

When the Comet shall appear in the great Year, a great Star shall come from the North, (Haojan the Tartar) he shall burn Pontus and Babylon: Then Civil Wars will make Italy a Desert.

Then Egypt will suffer, when the Men of Barca, who were in fordid Vestures, like Slaves, shall put on a white Garment; [the Mammalukes were Slaves, and possess'd Egypt] then Libya will suffer much Injury, and Cyrene, in the Holy War.

The French and English will stain the Sea with their Blood, because they injur'd the Design of the Holy War, by taking their Armies from thence, upon some Differences betwixt 'em. The Disputes in Italy (betwixt the Pope and Emperor), will occasion the slaughter of the Christians in the East,

by diverting their Arms.. The Earth shall be burnt in Ethiopia and India.

Corinth must be conquer'd, (by the Turk, who is like Nero) and he will break thro' the Wall build on the Isthmus. All Men will be affrighted when they remember the great City (Constantinople.) And Mahomet the Great is call'd a great Mischief to Mankind.

Now will the Sibyl declare what is to happen in our Days.

When Persia shall be in Peace, the Nation of the Jews shall revive, who will inhabit the holy City, which shall be encompass'd with Walls as far as Joppa; and these shall prosper in all plenty, but the Wicked shall bide themselves till the World is chang'd: And a Shower of Fire shall fall from Heaven on their Enemies.

The next Calamities shall be Earthquakes in Asia, Sardis, Trallis, Laodicea, and Ephesus: Great Mischiefs shall befall Caria, Lydia, Jonia; the Wicked shall be slain by Thunder, and Smyrna and Cuma cast down: Lesbos, Corcyra, Hieras, must fall; Tripoly and Miletus shall be destroy'd by Thunder: In Thrace the Wall, haying the Sea on each side, shall be destroy'd. The Assyrians shall invade Hellespont, and overcome Thrace; and the King of Egypt shall invade Macedonia; and there shall be a Civil War in Pisidia, betwixt the Lydians, Galatians, and Pamphylians. Italy shall become a Desart; a great Darkness shall happen, and they shall bear much Thunder. An Eastern Prince shall make a deceitful War towards the end of the Moon, (that is, the Turkish Empire) he shall destroy all, and be destroy'd.

Wars shall arise in Macedonia, and they shall send for Aid from the West, (this War shall be in the Winter) then Fire and Storms from Heaven shall

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destroy all the Kings, and so the miserable War will end.

After all these things, Rome must be destroy'd for its wickedness; the Popes are call'd Mathematicians, and the City luxurious. The Capital was destroy'd at the same time that Vespasian destroy'd the Temple: but now an ignoble Prince shall ascend into Italy, and destroy Rome, and 'twill be a great Wonder how Strangers could destroy so great a City.

Christ shall come and burn all Cities, and build new Jerusalem, and then will be the last times, in which the Saints must reign.

Babylon shall fall by an Earthquake; then will all Waters be dry'd up in the West, and the East suffer an Inundation. Crete, Cyprus, Paphos, Salamina, shall suffer great Calamities, and Tyre also: Phoenicia shall be destroy'd in the fifth Generation. When the Miseries of Egypt shall cease, many wicked Kings shall be mix'd in it, and all Nations possess it. And in Macedonia, Lycia, and Asia there will be a destructive War, very bloody, which the Roman Kings and Western Princes will cause to cease.

Then a barbarous Nation (the Tartars) shall come over the frozen Rivers, and invade Asia, and destroy the Thracians, (the Turks; so the Cossacks invaded them, ann. 1616.) then shall be a great Darkness, but a Light shall be to the Just.

The Idolatry in Egypt shall be destroy'd; and under the Name of Isis and Serapis, the Turks Worship of the black Stone at Mecca, and their Alcoran, and the Christian Idolatry, is describ'd; and then there will be erected in Egypt a Christian pure Church, which the Ethiopians, who will settle in Egypt, will destroy. Then God will destroy the Ethiopians, and the World will be burnt. After the fighting of the Stars, they shall fall, and consume all things,

BUT

BUT now I will describe the sad Times
B of the famous Latins, who rose first
after the successive Kings of Egypt were all
dead and buried, and after the Citizen of
Pella, [Alexander], who conquer'd all the
East, and the rich West, whom Babylon con-
futed, and prov'd to be descended from
Philip, and not from Jupiter Ammon, as
Fame reported.

Note. That Pella is a City in Macedonia, where Alexander was born; he died at Babylon: which proves him to be the Son of Philip, and not of Jupiter. Or else this relates to Aristed, the Brother of Alexander, who was call'd Philip from his Father; and by the Vulgar he was made Governor of Babylon, after the Death of Alexander.

Afterwards the Generation of Japhet shall reign, (of Aeac's Blood) who pos-
sess'd Troy, and divid'd the Fury of its Fire.
After many Kings, and Men delighting in
Wars, and after the Children who were
Twice fed by the Beast, (Romulus and Ro-
mus, eat by a Wolf.) there shall be the first
King, [Julius Cesar] the first Letter of K signifies so.
whose Name signifies twice ten, and he
shall conquer many Countries; and the ^{The Roman Em- perors to A} Letter will have the first signification of a
Denarius. The next Prince that reigns
will have the first Letter of the Alphabet:
Thrace shall submit to him thro' Fear, and
Sicily and Memphis, which will be destroy'd
thro' the Vices of their Governors, and of

a Woman who would not bear Subjection, but cast her self into the Waters. He will give Laws to the People, and conquer all, [Augustus conquer'd Anthony and Cleopatra] and after a long time he will deliver the Kingdom to another, the first Letter of whose Name signifies 300, and he shall have the beloved Name of a River, (*Tiber.*) He shall reign over the *Persians* and *Babylon*, and shall have War with the *Medes.* [The Persians, ever since Augustus's Days, receiv'd their Parthian Kings from the Romans.] Then he shall reign who hath the Number of three (*Gaius*); and afterwards he shall be King whose first Letter signifies twice ten (*Claudius*), and he shall go to the extream parts of the Sea, and subject those Tides to the *Romans*. [Claudius conquer'd Britain and the Oreades.] Then he whose first Letter signifies 50 shall be Emperour; he shall be a cruel Serpent, Author of a great War, who shall murder his Mother entreating his Mercy, and shall trouble all things by his Gymnastic Exercises, by killing the People, and infinite Enterprizes: He shall attempt to cut the Isthmus at *Corinth*, and level Mount *Athos*, [Nero began the Jewish War by Vespasian; he strove in the Olympics with Fiddlers, Tragedians, &c. Athos is a Hill in Mygdonia] but he shall be utterly destroy'd. Afterwards he shall return, equalling himself to God, but God shall make him know himself to be but a Man. The three Kings after him shall destroy one
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another, (*Galba, Otho, and Vitellius*) and after them shall arise a great Destroyer of holy Men, who will be known by the first Letter of his Name, signifying 70 (*Vespasian*); his Son shall destroy the Kingdom of the Jews, and the first Letter of his Name signifies 300 (*Titus*); and after him there shall be a fatal Prince, who shall kill many, whose first Letter signifies 4, (*Domitian*); and after an honourable Man will reign, having the number 90, (*Nerua*); and after him, one whose first Letter stands for 305, who is of the *Celtic* Nation, out of the Mountains, who will hasten to the Eastern Wars, but he shall not evade Death, but fall, and be buried in a strange Country, which bears the Name of the Flower *Anemone*.

Note, That *Trajan* was born in *Spain*, which the *Celtae* formerly inhabited; he died at *Selentia* in *Istria*, but his Ashes were carried to *Rome*, and buried under a Pillar. He made Wars in *Gallia*, from whence some call him a *Celtic*.

After him another shall reign, a Man with a white Helmet; he shall have the Name of the Sea: he will be the best of Men, and will know all things, under thee, O very good Man, and most excellent Prince, with Hair of a blue colour!

Note, 'Tis a Garment of that colour; then *χλωρ* must be chang'd for *χαιμ*, or blue Armour to his white Helmet, or white Head. Neither would

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would exceed any thing but his Royal Robes, or Armour.

Under thy Branches all shall live : Three shall reign, and the third at last shall conquer all.

Note, Adrian is most particularly describ'd in the eighth Book, and the Eastern Roman Empire shall be under the three Heads of the Eagle describ'd by *Ezdras*. 1. The Saracens ; 2. The Eastern Emperors 3. The Turk, who at last will possess all the East ; and under these three Branches, or Empires, the Days of all Men (that is, the duration of the World) shall be comprehended.

Note, That this Sibyl promis'd in the beginning, to give an Account of the first Latin Emperors, she ends with *Adrian*, the 15th Emperor, who dy'd about 140. And because there are but three intimated after him, some Authors fancy that some Person living in his time compos'd these Oracles ; but this is notoriously absurd to any, who consider the following Prophecies in future Ages after *Adrian*.

I am tormented, who am the Sister of *Iris*, when an unhappy Prophecy comes into my Mind, tho' it be a divine Song of Oracles.

Note, That this Sibyl calls her self the Sister of *Iris*, because she utter'd Oracles ; not that she really was so, but she prophesies very much of *Egypt*, what it is like to suffer by the Saracens, Mammalukes, and Turk, and at last by the Ethiopians.

First the mad Women shall encrease about the Foundation of thy Temple, in which there will be much mourning, with their wicked Hands; and at that time *Nile* shall overflow all the Land of *Egypt* sixteen Cubits, which shall wash away the whole Soil; and Men shall suffer by being continually wet; and the Beauty of that Land, and the Glory of its Face, shall perish. *Memphis*, you shall weep most on the Account of *Egypt*, for you govern'd the World formerly after a glorious manner: Thou shalt become sad, when the Author of Thunder cries with a loud Voice to thee, O strong *Memphis*, who formerly boasted thy Might amongst Cowards! thou shalt weep, being sorrowful, and unfortunate, till you do acknowledge the everlasting God, and Immortal in the Clouds. Where is thy great swelling Title among Men, for which thou didst rage against my Children, who were baptiz'd, and dealtest unjustly with good Men? Thou shalt receive for such things such Fare and Punishment, and thou shalt no longer claim a place amongst the Blessed to appear in. Thou hast fallen from the Stars, thou shalt not ascend into Heaven. Such things God commanded me to speak to *Egypt*, in the later Days, when Men shall be very wicked, but wicked Men become miserable, continuing in Sin, notwithstanding the Wrath of the Immortal Heavenly God, the great Thunderer. Instead

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of *Nile*.

stead of God, you worship Stones, and adore Brutes, fearing many other things in different Places which have no Reason, nor Understanding, nor Hearing. 'Tis not fit for me to speak of each Idol made by Mens Hands; from their own Labour, and foolish Invention they have vainly receiv'd Gods of Wood, Stone, Brass, Gold, and Silver; without Life, deaf, and melted in the Fire; these they have made, vainly trusting in them.

Thmuis and *Xous* shall be oppress'd, and the Counsel of *Hercules*, *Jupiter*, and *Mercury* shall be taken away, and War shall not leave thee, O *Alexandria*! a famous Town for Trade, and Multitudes of Men:

Note, That this Inundation of *Nile* was an Omen of its Invasion by the *Saracens*, which are here call'd the worst of Men, in the last Times. This must happen after *Adrian*, and after the Persecutions of the Christians there, as appears by the Persecution of the *Georgians*. All these Sufferings are occasion'd by Idolatry, which was depos'd in *Egypt*, in *Constantine's* and *Theodosius's* Reign: Then the Images were broke in the Temple of *Serapis*. Therefore this must be the Punishment of the *Egyptian* Christians for their Idol-worship in the last Days. The Jews made a great Slaughter of the Christians in *Cyrene*, *Egypt*; and *Cyprus*, in the time of *Trajan*; by *Diocletian*, Anno. 303, that Persecution began.

Menes, the first King of *Egypt*; built *Memphis*, not far from *Grand Cairo*; the Pharaohs liv'd there, and there was a Temple of *Apis* and *Serapis*. *Thmuis* is a Town in *Egypt*, of which there

there was a Bishop. *Tamus* King of *Thebes* was *Jupiter Ammon*, whose Counsel here mention'd is his Oracles; *Xouis* is an Isle or Town in *Lower Egypt*. The next Verses are deficient, and the following relate to the *Saracens* in *Egypt*.

A barbarous, strong, terrible Madman shall
destroy all thy Land, and the Men of evill
Arts, pouring out their Blood, and killing
them near thy horrible Altars, and filling
thy sandy Country as he pursues thy De-
struction; then thou, once the most happy
and rich City, shalt be very calamitous;
and then all *Asia* shall lament the accepta-
ble Merchandizes she receiv'd from thee,
falling to the Ground, and covering her
wretched Head: But he who possesses *Per-
sia* shall War against *Egypt*, by killing all
Men, and destroying their Provisions;

This is *Omar*,
the *Saracen* Ca-
liph, who con-
quer'd *Alexan-
dria*.

Note, That *Omar*, the *Saracen* Caliph, is this
barbarous Man, who destroy'd *Alexandria*. The
City of *Alexandria* had the great Trade of Spices
from *India*, and sold them to *Asia* and *Europe*.
The next Revolution in *Egypt* was from the *Zel-
zuccian* Turks, who came from *Persia*, and seiz'd
Damascus, Anno 1075, and afterwards *Egypt*;
for *Noradin* the Sultan at *Damascus* sent *Saracens*
to assist the Sultan in *Egypt* against the Christians,
and he slew the Sultan; and *Saladin* the
Turk succeeded him, and slew the Caliph, and
all his Family, and distributed the Riches of *E-
gypt* amongst the Turks. *Egypt* had been in the
Hands of the *Saracens* till this time, Anno 1170.
This Story agrees with the Prophecy. This Sul-
tan at *Damascus* was subject to that in *Persia*, and
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He flew all the Men, and destroy'd all their Riches.

To that miserable Men had but the third part left. [This Verse is misplac'd in the Oracles, and ought to be here.]

And a King was sent from God against them, and he shall come from the West, with a swift Sail, or Leap, who shall waste all the Land, and make it desolate.

Note, That Rex Cissi Missus is a Western Prince in the Holy War; Cissim is the Western Parts; so the Ships are said to come from thence.

But when the (Saracen) Prince of Egypt, shall be the strongest, it shall cause a shameful Fear; he shall come to destroy the blessed City, and then a strong King shall be sent from God, who shall slay all the great Kings, and the most famous Commanders, and then the utter Ruin of Men shall follow.

Note, This is a Description of Saladin's Conquest of the Christians, and of his taking Jerusalem from them, Anno 1199. After it had been held by many of them 89 Years, Saladin turn'd the Temples Foundations into a Mosch, and made Stables of the rest, only the Temple of the Sepulchre was redeem'd by the Christians. This is the fulfilling of that Prophecy concerning Antichrist sitting in the Temple of God. This last divine King is Haotan the Tartar, who flew the Sultan at Damascus; and this Tartar was a Christian.

Alas

Alas for thee, O timerous Heart ! why
dost thou move me to declare the trouble-
some Government of ~~Egypte~~ under many
Princes ?

¶ Note, This is the Saracen Caliphs, and after
them, the Turks, from 1163, till 1245, when the
Mammalukes possess'd it, whon the Turk Selymus
conquer'd, Anno 1517.

Turn to the East, to the foolish Nation of
the Persians, and shew them those things
that were before, and those things which
are to come.

The Water of the Rivet *Euphrates* shall
make an Intundation, which shall destroy
Persia and *Iberia*, and *Babylon*, the *Massege-
tes* (*Scythians*) lovets of War, and all with
their Arrows ; all *Asia* shall be burnt and
consum'd, as far as the Islands ; and *Perga-
mos*, formerly very famous, shall be cut
down as a Branch ; and all *Pitane* shall ap-
pear a great Wilderness to all Men, and
Lesbos shall sink into the deep bottom of the
Sea, and seem to perish ; and *Smyrna* shall weep,
rolling down from its Precipices, and perish, tho' formerly famous, and of
great Reputation. The *Bithynians* shall weep for their burnt Country, and for
great *Syria*, and *Phoenicia*, abounding in
Trees.

Note, That by the Inundation of *Euphrates*,
the Invasion of the Turks in *Persia* and *Asia* is re-
pre-

presented. The Turks came first from Tartary into Armenia major, now call'd Turcomannia, Anno 844, thence they were call'd by the Sultan of the Saracens to his Assistance; and afterwards Tangrolopix, Anno 1030, conquer'd Persia. Anno 1075, the Turks having conquer'd the Caliph of Babylon, came into Syria, and it was agreed betwixt them and Axan, the Turkish Sultan in Persia, that Melec and Ducat should have Aleppo and Damascus, and what they could conquer from the Saracens in Syria. Cutlumuses, another of the Turkish Generals, conquer'd Cilicia, Media, Armenia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Bitynia in Asia minor: And to these Conquests this Prophecy evidently belongs.

Euphrates is the great River of Mesopotamia: Iberia is Northward of Armenia major. Iberia is now Georgia. Pergamos is a City in Mysia; Pitane a City in Eolia, in Asia minor, or in Mysia major, near the Coasts of the Aegean Sea. Lefbos is an Island in the Aegean Sea. Bitynia is a Country in Asia minor, over-against Thrace.

Alas for thee, O Lycia! how many Mischiefs are contriv'd for thee! He shall ascend amongst thy miserable People, who shall freely admit him into their Country: How shalt thou weep with bitter Rivers of Tears, for this Invasion, or Earthquake? Lycia shall be without Ointments, who formerly us'd much; and Phrygia suffer a grievous Vengeance, because of the Mourning, for which Jupiter's Mother Rhea went thither, and remain'd there. He shall destroy Pontus, whose Inhabitants are a Generation which came from Mount Taurus, and a barbarous Nation.

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Note, This Destruction will befall Phrygia for its ancient Idolatry of Rhea and Jupiter; and afterwards the Christians worship'd Saints, and the Virgin Mary. Rhea was call'd Dea Phrygia, and the Mother of Jupiter. Lycia is a Country in Asia minor, famous for Ointments. Pontus is a Country in Asia minor, near on the North to the Euxine Sea, and has Thrace on the West, and Bosphorus. All these were conquer'd by Cutlumusses and his Successors, when they came into Asia minor.

And the Lapithæ he shall utterly destroy; and Thessaly shall be destroy'd by the Inundation of Peneus, which is a deep River, and shall destroy the Figures of Beasts from the Earth.

Note, That the Lapithe are a People in Thessaly, which is a part of Macedonia; Amurath, Anno 1386, possess'd many Places in Macedonia and Thessaly. This is the Inundation of Peneus, a River on the North of Thessaly: The Inundation of this River made Dæucation's Flood. And now this Inundation represents the Turks Invasion of Greece, and the Destruction of the small Kingdoms, which are call'd wild Beasts. The Beast is the Empire, in the prophetick Stile. Bonifacius was made King of Thessaly, 1210; there was then a King in Epirus, and others in Peleponnesus, and the Venetians had much of Greece, which the Turk took from them.

Eridanus (the River Po in Italy) is said to beget the Figures of wild Beasts at that Time.

Note. Many Princes at this time were set up by the Pope, and many small States are call'd wild Beasts; and the Emperor made many free States.

And two or three Poets shall describe the Miseries of Greece, under the Turkish Tyranny.

When the great King of great *Rome* (*the Pope*) a God-like Man from *Italy* shall invade the Neck of Isthmus, whom, they say, *Jupiter* begot himself, (*that is, Christ's Vicar*,) and honourable *Juno*, (*that is, he was elected by the Church*,) he shall destroy many (*the Reformers*) with their miserable Mother (*the Church*.)

Note. That the Pope is here call'd the great King of *Rome*, because of his temporal Power and Dominions there; the Emperors were then drove out of *Italy*, and could not be the great King there. The Pope set up the several Kingdoms of *Naples*; the *Norman* Line he prefer'd, *Anno 1125*, the *German* in *1198*, the *French* in *1261*, and he made them his Tributaries. The Papal Kingdom came to a great Power in the Time of *Gregory the 7th*, *Anno 1073*, when he excommunicated *Henry IV*, the *German* Emperor, for meddling with the Investitures. *Anno 1159*, *Alexander III.* excommunicated *Frederic the Emperor*, and set his Foot on his Neck. Thus the Spiritual Tyranny at *Rome* began at the same time the Turkish Empire was set up in the *East*.

A terrible and shameless King shall fly from *Babylon*, whom all Men, especially all good Men hate, because he kill'd many, and ript up Women with Child, and debauch'd marry'd Women, and was born of a corrupt Seed. He shall come to the Kings of *Media* and *Persia*, whom he most desir'd, and to whom he gives the most Honour, and will enter into League with them against a base People. He took away the Temple built by God, and burnt the Citizens, the People that came thither, whom he justly commended. His appearing in the World, occasion'd the whole Creation to tremble; Kings were destroy'd, and the Government remain'd in them, and they destroy'd the great City, and the just People.

This is the Flight of the Ottomans from Persia.

Note, That *Aladin* a Turkish Prince, about anno 1200, fled out of *Persia*, from the *Tartars*, and settl'd at *Sebastia*, in *Lesser Asia*, and after at *Ieonium*: After the last *Aladin*, that Kingdom was divided amongst many; he was the Head of the *Zelzuccian Family*. *Solyman* also fled from *Persia*, but was drown'd returning into *Persia*, Anno 1214, but his Son *Ertugal* came to *Bitbyna*, and he was the Father of *Ottoman*, whose Conquests here are describ'd, and those of the Kings succeeding him: These slew the Eastern Emperors of *Trapexon* and *Constantinople*, destroy'd the great and famous Churches, and set up a new Empire of the *Ottomans*. *Solyman*, that fled, submitted to the Kings of *Persia*, and held but a small Principality under the Sultan of it. *Cutlumus* at first fled from *Tangrolopix* in *Persia*, but was afterwards assist'd

by him ; and *Solyman the Son of Cutlumyses*, was assisted by the Persians, when he fought the Christian Princes in the Holy War. *Meleç and Ducat* conquer'd *Syria*, and took *Jerusalem*, which the Christians retook : This was in 1097 ; it had been held by the Saracens from 637, but the Turks and Saracens joyning, they beat the Christians, and retook *Jerusalem*.

I mention all these Flights of the Turks, to shew the Sibylline Character is true of all of them, *fugiens veniet* ; but no part of this History belongs to this Prophecy, but the Destruction of *Constantinople* and *Sancta Sophia*.

Comet at the
coming of the
stars into
Asia.

But when a Comet shall shine for the fourth part of the Year, then he shall come who will destroy all the Earth for his Honour ; and he shall first place himself at the Sea within the Land, (*Euxine or Caspian Sea*) and a Star shall fall into the deep Ocean, and shall burn *Pompeii*, which is of a high Situation, and *Babylon* also.

Note, That in 1211 a Comet appear'd before the Tartars Irruption into Europe, but that lasted but eighteen Days : Then they conquer'd *Russia*, *Moravia*, *Silesia*, *Serbia*, *Bulgaria*, and then return'd to *Tanax*. A terrible Comet appear'd 1264, and it lasted three Months, as *Camerarius* observ'd. The Tartars came into *Asia*, 1222, and were drove out 1350, and held *Asia* 128 Years. The Chani of *Tartary*, in 1202, conquer'd the last King of the Turks in *Persia*, 1260 : *Hsolan* was the first Tartarian King in *Persia* ; he utterly destroy'd *Babylon*, and then he took the Sultan of *Damascus* Prisoner, and slew him before the Town ; and the Tartars conquer'd the Turks in *Little Asia*, and made

made them Tributaries. And the Tartars drove the Egyptian Caliph out of Syria, and recover'd Jerusalem, and repair'd it. Cassanes the Tartar came into Syria, 1310.

O Italy! by whom many of the holy and faithful Jews are destroy'd, and the true Church; thou shalt have great Troubles amongst the Wicked, but thou shalt remain altogether a Wilderness; whole Ages shalt thou continue so, and be a Desert for ever, hating thine own Country, because thou delightest in Poysons. There are Adulteries amongst you, and unlawful Sodomy; thou art an effeminate, wicked, unjust, most unfortunate City; alas! thou art the most impure, City of all the Land of the Latins; thou art a Mad-Woman, delighting in Vipers; thou shalt sit a Widow at the Banks of Tiber, and that River shall lament thee, as its Wife: Thou hast a Heart polluted with Slaughter, and a wicked Mind; thou dost not know what God can do, and what is designing, but thou sayest, *I am alone, and none shall destroy me;* but God who lives for ever will destroy thee and thine, and there shall be no Sign of thee in that Country, as formerly, when the Great God enlarg'd thy Honours. O wicked City! remain alone, without Inhabitant; and thou being burnt, shalt inhabit the Tartarian unjust Regions of Hades.

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Note, That Boniface the Eighth was Pope in 1285, who excommunicated the French King, and discharg'd his Subjects from their Obedience; and because of these Troubles, and the Faction of the Guelphs and Gibellines, the Ambassadors of Cassane the Tartar to him had no Success, for the procuring his Assistance for the maintaining his Conquests. Boniface was taken Prisoner by the French, and died in the Castle of Sr. Angelo. Rome then nourish'd many Vipers, (the Popes of wicked Lives) she was a Widow, is made desolate by intestine Wars; and the Emperor's Power there was subverted by the Popes; and the Egyptian Sultan retook Jerusalem.

Now again, O *Egypt*! I deplore thy Losses. O *Memphis*! the Author of these Miseries, full of Banks, (like an Isthmus) against thee the Pyramids shall speak with a bold Voice. O *Python*! thou wast anciently a double City, being well built, (or built for Religion) be thou silent for ever, that thou maist cease from Wickedness; thou wicked Reproach, the Treasury of Afflictions! thy mournful Walls shall be full of Sufferings and mad Howlings, and thou shalt be a Widow for ever. Thou art now grown old in the sole Government of the World; but when *Barca* shall put on a white Garment upon her sordid one, may I neither be born, nor have any Being.

Note, That *Barca* is a City in Peneapolis, in *Egypt*, now *Ptolemaïs*, famous for the Oracle of *Jupiter Ammon*.

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Note, That the Pyramids are near *Memphis*, and bespeak its Fame in former times. And *Pyrson* was famous for its Heathen Oracles. And by these the Place of these Calamities are describ'd. *Memphis* was the old Seat of the *Egyptian* Kings, and by its Name *Cairo* is design'd, which was the Seat of the *Turkish* Sultan. *Cyrene* is call'd *Barca*. *Damiata* was taken by the Christians, ann. 1221, and then may be said to wear a white Linnen Garment. The Miseries that follow'd were, the Siege of *Caire*, where the Christians Armies were drown'd by the Sluices open'd on them ; and *Damiata* was again surrender'd to the Turk, and *Lewis the Ninth of France* was beat. Ann. 1249, *Damiata* was again besieg'd by the Christians, and most of its Inhabitants were destroy'd by the Plague.

In 1245 the *Mammalukes* seiz'd on *Egypt*; they were Slaves, and therefore might be design'd by the sordid Garments, and that the white Garments may represent their better condition. After the killing of the Turks their Masters, they razed *Ptolemais*, *Tyre*, *Sidon*, *Berytus*, and drove the Christians out of the East, ann. 1291.

O *Thebes*! where is thy great Power? A barbarous Man shall destroy thy People; thou shalt wear black Garments, and shalt miserably lament alone, and shalt be rewarded for those wicked Works thou hast done; and all shall observe thy Lamentation mix'd with impudent Anger. A great Man shall destroy *Syene*, and the black *Indians* shall forcibly possess *Teucharis* of the *Aethiopians*, and at *Pentapolis*, *Soes* (a strong Man) shall lament.

O very mournful Libya! who shall declare thy Calamities? Who shall weep bitterly for thee, O Cyrene! Thou shalt not cease from grievous Lamentation at the time of thy Destruction.

Note, That Cyrene is a City in the Confines of Egypt and Ethiopia. Pentapolis is the Region of Cyrene, it has five Cities. Techaris may be Tentyra, a City in the Province of Thebas, as well as Cyrene is in the same Province. Arfinis is now call'd Teucheira; it was call'd Soes: And Soes may be Saïet, a City in Thebas.

Note, that after Tamerlane had beaten Badjazet and the Egyptian Caliph, he pursued him into Egypt, and there took Damietta, and afterwards Grand Cairo, the Royal Seat of the Mammonuke Sultan, and his Army had the Spoil of that City: He follow'd the Sultan to Alexandria, and took it, and twenty of the Moorish Kings submitted to him. He left Obalybes Governour of Syria, Egypt and Libya. The first Battel he stoughe was at Mount Stella, ann. 1397, Axilla a Genoese being his chief Commander and Counsellor. The Egyptians evil Works are the cause of these Calamities, the Persecutions in Diocletian's time, and the Cruelty of the Turks to them.

Note farther, That Libya was conquer'd by the Saracens, ann. 710, and suffer'd long under that People, till the Turks conquer'd Tunis and Algiers, 1567.

The Ocean, which makes a great tempestuous noise, betwixt the Britains and rich French, shall be fill'd with much Blood, because they did mischief to the Sons of God when

when the Phoenician King led the Gallic Host from the Sidonians, out of Syria; and he shall slay thee.

Note, That Philip King of France, and Richard King of England, undertook an Expedition by Sea in the Holy War, and were shipwreck'd, but they afterwards took Ptolemais in Phoenicia, and most of the French afterwards went home with their King; those Forces which remain'd hinder'd the King Richard from taking Jerusalem. The two Kings had great Differences: Philip went home to make a War against King Richard, and after with King John; this occasion'd a Loss to the Christians.

The Western Christians took
Sédom, &c. 120
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France rebuilt
in 1250. The
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first took it 63.
K. Richard toc
Cyprus in 1191
Many Sea-figh
have happen'd
since betwixt
France and Eng
land.

And Ravenna it self led on to that Slaughter.

Note, At this time the Emperors extorted Ravenna out of the Pope's hands, and the Differences in Italy hinder'd the prosecution of the Holy War.

O Indians! do not be afraid; nor you, O magnanimous Ethiopians! when the Circle of Capricorn moves on his Axis over these, and the Bull, with the Twins, shall move in the middle of the Heavens, and the Virgin ascending, and the Sun about her Forehead, and fixing the Zone, shall lead it thro' the Heavens; there shall be a great burning in the Air all over the Earth, and the Stars shall have a disposition for fighting, so as to destroy by lamentable Fire all the Land of India and Ethiopia.

The burning
India and Eth
iopia.

Note,

Note, The burning of India and *Aethiopia* must be before the Turks conquer'd Corinth, and after K. Richard's Expedition into Phœnicia and Cyprus, ann. 1135 *ingens ficitas*, and 1137 *Aetatis ferventissima*. See *Calvisius's Chronology*.

he Conquest of Lament, O Corinth! thy sad Destruction.
Corinth by the When the three Sisters (*Parce*) shall have spun out their twined Threads, and shall bring to the high part of the Isthmus him that flies away deceitfully, according to the divine Decree, till all behold thee, who formerly didst cut the Rock with hard and sharp Tools; He shall destroy and waste thy Land, as 'tis decreed, for God alone gave to him to perform such things as no former King could do. First of all he shall stand and command others to pull down the three Towers, and to root up the Foundations of the Walls on the Isthmus,

Note, That Corinth stands upon the Isthmus of Peloponnesus: This Isthmus was fortified by a Wall and five Castles, but Amurath the Second overthrew this Wall, by battering it four Days, ann. 1455, and then he ravag'd all the Country. Mahomet the Great afterwards wholly conquer'd it, ann. 1457, and took it from the Venetians. Many Kings had attempted to cut thro' this Isthmus, to make it an Island, as Julius Cæsar, Caligula, and Nero: And to these Histories the Prophecy relates, comparing Nero's vain Attempt with Amurath's Success in destroying the Wall.

op ought to so that they shall be forc'd to eat the Flesh
ter yorey. of their Ancestors; for all Men will be sub-
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jeft to the Slaughters and Fury of the impure King, because of the great City, and the just People (formerly) preserv'd by an excellent Care and Providence (that is Constantinople).

Note, That Mahomet the Great is the impure King, who conquer'd Peloponnesus after he had taken Constantinople, the great City. Amurath made them tributary, but Mahomet subdued Peloponnesus, ann. 1460 : He carried Demetrios their Prince to Constantinople, and gave him a Pension ; but Thomas his Brother fled into Italy. They provok'd the Turk by denying their Tribute, and he besieg'd their Cities, which made 'em eat their own Ancestors. Or, paying Tribute may be called so in a Prophetic style ; as the ten Kings eating the Flesh of the Whore, in the 17th Chapter of Revelat. Or, if it must be interpreted as the Latin Verse is, *Règis ut Infandi comedantur membra parentum*, then they must eat raw Flesh ; as the Tartars, who were the Ancestors of the Turks. The sense of this Oracle being very obscure, 'tis capable of many Interpretations.

O Inconstant ! led by evil Councils, encompass'd by evil Fates, the Beginner of Mischief, and a great Destroyer of Men ! thy Creation was pernicious, but thou art preserv'd by Fate to be the most infamous amongst the Wicked, the Destruction and utter Ruin of Men. What Mortal can desire thee ? Who is not inwardly griev'd ? And what Kings are destroy'd by throwing away their honourable Estate in opposition to thee ? Thou hast subverted all things, and

Mahomet the
Great.

and art an Inundation of the greatest Evils, and by thee all the beautiful Frame of the World is chang'd : Perhaps you will impute these Changes to our Contentions, (*that is, the Christians Diffensions*) : How ! do you say I will perswade you ? and if I find any thing to reprehend, I will speak ? There was formerly amongst Men a Splendour of the Sun, which spread its Beams upon the Prophets, and the Tongues of the Prophets distill'd sweet Drink to Men ; it appear'd and encreas'd, and the Day rose on all ; but for this cause, (*i. e. their Diffension*) O perverse Counsellor, and Author of great Mischiefs ! both the Sword and Mourning shall come in those days : Thou art the beginning of all Troubles, and a great Destruction to Men ; thy Creation is mischievous, and thy Fate will be unfortunate.

Return of
Jews from
Exile. A Plague
cedes it :
is is the first
l, this is the
er News to
Ottomans.

Hear the unpleasant News, which shall be bitter to thee, and Destruction to Men ; but when Persia shall be free from Wars, and the Plague, and Mourning, then at that time shall arise the divine Stock of the happy and heavenly Jews, who shall inhabit the City of God in the middle of the Earth, and they shall encompass it with a great Wall as far as Joppa ; they shall build it very high, as if it reach'd the obscure Clouds.

Note, That the preceding Discourse is against Mahomet the Great, who conquer'd Peloponnesus and Constantinople : He was perfidious, ambitious, and cruel, and occasion'd the slaughter of 80000 Men.

Men. In his time, and those that follow'd him, the Turkish Empire arriv'd to its greatest state ; but when the Jews return'd from *Perſia*, it was most evidently funk ; and the first step of its great Declension was with a Plague.

The Trumpet shall no more give its sound for bloody Wars, neither shall their Enemies be destroy'd by furious Armies, for in that Age all Evils shall cease, as if Trophies were set up for the Conquests of them : Then one excellent Man shall come from Heaven, who distended his Arms upon the fruitful Tree, the best of the Jews, who formerly stopt the Sun, crying with excellent Discourse from his pure Lips :

Note, That when the Jews return there will be a peaceable time, in which they shall build their Wall of their City as far as *Zoppa*, which is about 30 miles from *Jerusalem* ; and from *Zoppa* it is visible. The Person who speaks is *Jesus Christ*, as appears by his Crucifixion here intimated ; and by his Power the Sun was stopt in *Joshua's* days, who formerly led the Jews into *Canaan* ; and 'tis Christ who now brings them back, and speaks to them as follows.

No more torment thy Mind, do not trouble thy Heart, thou that art begotten of God, abounding in all Riches, the Flower desir'd by God alone, the glorious Light, the pleasant Offspring, the desirable Plant. O *Judea* ! thou beloved and beautiful City, inspir'd with Hymns ! the impure *Grecian* King (*Alexander*) shall not revel thro' the

The prosperous
state of the Jews
after their Re-
turn.

The King here
is, the Turk.

Per-

See the Song of Moses, Rev. 15,
which the Jews
will sing upon
their Return.

The Wicked are
the Turks.

A Showre of Fire
shall cause a Fa-
mine among the
Wicked, at the
Return of the
Jews; and the
same Fire, and
the following
Earthquakes,
may kill the Fish
in the Sea, and
be the second
Vial in the Re-
velations.

These are they
who got the Vi-
ctory over the
Beast in Rev. 15.

Persian Country any more, having a Mind like to *Bacchus* for his Justice; but thy illustrious Inhabitants shall honour thee, and shall employ themselves in holy and learned Songs, and all sorts of Sacrifices and Prayers, in honour of God: And for their small Afflictions, whosoever has born much Labour and Misery, they shall enjoy more and pleasant good things, who are Righteous; but the Wicked, who use their wicked Tongues against Heaven, shall cease from their Calumnies which they spoke amongst one another, and shall hide themselves till the World is chang'd.

There shall fall from the Clouds a Showre of burning Fire, and then Men shall not gather fruitful Corn from the Earth; all Places shall be unplow'd and unsow'd till Men shall acknowledg the Immortal God, who governs all things, and always exists, and no more worship mortal Men, and those that are dead, nor Dogs, nor Vultures, which *Egypte* taught to worship, thro' their childish Discourses and foolish Advice. But the Land of the *Hebrews* is holy, and shall bear all things; there shall flow Streams from the Rock and the Tongue sweet as Honey, and to all the Just shall flow the immortal Milk; for they trusted in one God, the only excellent Father; that is, they were very righteous and faithful.

Note, The happy state of the Jews is here describ'd; and the Wicked (the Turks) shall hide them-

themselves, during these Alterations, but shall suffer a Dearth by the fiery Showre ; and they shall no more conquer *Perſia*, as they now poffefs *Greece*, and therefore are here meant by the *Gre- cians*. The Description of *Judea* is here, by its flowing with Milk and Honey ; which is a Metaphor to express the abundance of its Provisions. The Plague is above intimated ; and here the Fa- mine cauſ'd by the fiery Showre is describ'd. And the next Punishment of the Turks is by Earth- quakes ; and this will occation the Return of the Jews in a peaceable manner.

But why does my Mind, full of Wisdom, suggest these things ? Now, O miserable *Asia* ! I sadly lament thee, and the Nation of the *Ionians*, *Carians*, and rich *Lydians*. Alas for *Sardis*, and the belov'd *Trallis* ! Alas for the beautiful City of *Laodicea* ! because ye shall be destroy'd by Earthquakes and reduc'd to Ashes : [The Towns overthrown by Earthquakes are usually burnt by their own Fires.] In dark *Asia*, and in rich *Lydia*, the Temple of *Diana*, built at *Ephesus*, shall fall into the Sea, by a great *Hiatus* in the Earthquakes, and thereby be utterly ruin'd when the Storms drive the Ships, and drown them : And *Ephesus* being overthrown, shall lament on the Shore, and seek her Temple, which shall be no more inha- bited.

And then God, who is immortal, and lives in Heaven, being angry, from Hea- ven shall send a fiery Storm against the

*Earthquakes de-
stroy many A-
fiaitic Cities sea-
ted on the River
near the Sea ;
and this is the
second Vial on
the Sea.*

*Laodicea is now
destroy'd by
Earthquakes ;
but there are o-
ther Cities of
that Name. Ti-
in *Caria* : *Sardi*
is in *Lydia*, now
a Village : *Darl-
Afa* is *Celo-
Syria*.*

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Impure Kingdom, and then there shall be Summer instead of Winter: And this shall happen afterwards to Men; for the Omnipotent Thunderer shall destroy all the Impudent by Thunder, Lightning, and Thunderbolts, which shall burn them who are perverse and wicked, and extirpate 'em all, so that there will remain more dead on the Earth than there is Sand. And Smyrna shall come lamenting their own Lycurgus, to the Gates of Ephesus, and shall perish more than it.

In Cuma in
Lydia was the
Sibyl Cumana.
Inhabitants
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by an Earth-
ake in Tibe-

's time, and
it again after
Jews return.

Note. That Sardis is in Lydia, Lydia in Caria, and so is Miletus. Cuma is in Eolis, Smyrna in Ionia: Cuma in Italy is in the Kingdom of Naples, famous for the Sibyl; but that is not here meant.

But foolish Cuma, with its inspir'd Waters, shall be cast down by the Hands of the Gods, as well as those of wicked Men: No more shall thy Chariot ascend into the Sky, (or thou shalt not have any Honour) but thou shalt remain dead at the Cumæan Waters, and then those who remain shall suffer Affliction together: When thou hast a Sign, thou shalt know for what thou suffer'st; for the People of Cuma are obstinate, and an impudent Tribe.

But when the wicked Land is burnt, Lesbos shall be destroy'd for ever. [It is an Island, so that Eridanus is here mistaken.]

Alas for *Coryra*, [Corfu, an Island in the Ionian Sea], a beautiful City! leave off thy Luxury. And thou Land of *Hierapolis*, a-bounding in Riches, [a City in Phrygia major] thou shalt have the mournful Country which thou hast desir'd; thou shalt be thrown down near the Banks of the River *Thermodon*, [a River rising in Pontus] and stony *Tripolis* near the River *Mæander*, [Tripolis is a Maritime City of Phœnicia, and Mæander is a River dividing Caria from Ionia] fill'd with the Tides at Night on its Shore, the Will and Providence of God shall destroy thee utterly, and the neighbouring Country of *Phœbus*. O *Miletus* the delicate, whom a fiery Whirlwind from Heaven will destroy, [*Miletus was a City in Caria, the Birthplace of Thales, and there was the Oracle of Apollo Didymæus*] because it receiv'd the deceitful Oracle of *Phœbus*, and the wise Counsels of Men, and their prudent Advice!

Hierapolis in Caria is now in Ruins.

Miletus is now a contus'd heap of Ruins, inter mix'd with Shepherds Huts. It represents the Ruin of the bordering Counti

Note, All the Cities mention'd are in *Asia*, or near it, and they will suffer by Earthquakes or Thunder after the Return of the Jews; and these Cities were famous for Idolatry formerly, or great Wickedness. *Cuma* must be in *Asia*, where there was the *Sibyll Cumensis*, for here the Sibyl prophecies of the Destruction of the *Asian* Cities, and laments 'em. The ancient Histories of these Places are mention'd in idolatrous times; but at the times of these Earthquakes there will be the Christian Worship of Saints, and *Mahometanism*; and these are the Wicked, then to be destroy'd by

Thunder, and falling of their Cities, or the Countries where some Cities stood.

O Father of all ! spare the pleasant and fruitful Land of great *Judea*, that we may deliver thy Laws, (for this Land God first enrich'd by his Bounty) that it may appear to all Men to be the first of all other in thy Favour, and to excel all others, as God hath promis'd to it.

Note. That here the Sibyl speaks in the Person of a Jew, commanding *Judea*, and praying that it may be spar'd when God destroys the Turks by Plague, Famine, Thunder, Earthquakes, *sua quo Decreta feramus*, that they may instruct all other Nations.

The Fall of the
Turkish Empire
by many Wars ;
the third Vial
poured on the
ivers and Foun-
tains, and they
became Blood.

I desire, who am very unhappy, to contemplate the Miseries of the *Thracians*, (that is, the Turks, who will inhabit it) and the Wall with the Sea on each side, (that is, the *Mole in the Harbour*) reduc'd to Powder in the Air, (that is, blown up) and drawn into a Pond full of Fish, like a River.

O miserable *Hellespont* ! the Men of *Affyria* shall captivate thee, the *Thracians* shall fight against thee, and the King of *Ægypte* shall depopulate *Macedonia*; and a barbarous Nation shall break the Force of thy Commanders : The *Lydians*, *Galatians*, and *Pamphylians* in *Pisidia*, shall arm all the People, and enter into a sad War.

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Note, This is a Description of those Wars which will weaken the Turkish Empire, by the *Affghan's* Invasion of *Hellespont*, a Rebellion in *Thrace*, the Piracy of the King of *Egypt* in *Macedonia*, the War in *Pisidia*; and the barbarous Nation may be the *Tartars*.

O unhappy *Italy*! thou shalt remain a Wilderness, unlamented, in a fertile Soil; thy pernicious Land shall be destroy'd; the large Heavens are spread above, and from the Air all may hear the Voice of God, like the noise of Thunder: The Light of the Sun shall not shine like a Flame, nor the Moon have its Splendor any more, when God shall reign in the latter Days, a black Darkness shall be thro' all the Earth, and Men shall be blind, and the wild Beasts furious; and that time shall be miserable for a great while: So that Men may consider that God is King, by his Providence governing all things from Heaven; and He will have no Mercy on perverse Men, who are his Enemies, tho' they sacrifice Lambs, Sheep, and Herds of Calves that bellow, and great Beasts with golden Horns, to *Mercuries* without Life, and to Gods of Stone-Statues. Let the Law of Wisdom and the Glory of the Righteous lead you, lest the Immortal God, being angry, destroy all Mankind, their Provisions, and wicked Tribes. We ought always to love God our Father, who is wise, and will always exist.

The Desolation
in Italy, with
many Prodigies
before the Fall
of Rome. It
is the fifth V-
erse, poured on the
Beast; and the
Kingdom was
full of Darkness.
It may comprehend
the last destruction of
Rome, which
will follow.

Note, That here is describ'd the Desolation of Italy in the last Days, and the Prodigies that will happen ; the Voice of God shall be heard like Thunder, the Sun and Moon shall appear more obscurely, which will occasion a general Darkness, and a miserable time, that Men may repent of their Idolatry. And the Idolatry of the *Italians* in these last Days, must be their worshiping of Saints and Images, which will continue there to the end of the World.

Eastern
ince shall
ne at the end
the Moon,
at is, the Turk-
b Empire's
king). This is
Vial of the
th Angel, to
spare the way
the Kings of
East

There shall be in the last times, towards the end of the Moon, a War which will vex the World, full of Theft and Perfidiousness. There shall come from the ends of the Earth a cruel Man, a Slayer of his Mother, void of Wisdom, of a fierce Speech, and an anxious Thinker, who shall destroy all the Earth, and conquer all ; and he will consider all things more prudently than other Men, for which reason he is destroy'd, and he shall presently destroy the same ; he shall destroy many Men and great Princes, and burn their Countries, as another (*the Turk*) did before ; and thro' Envy he shall set up them that were fallen.

Note, This cruel Man must be some *Persian* or *Tartarian* Prince, who came from the most Northern or Eastern Parts, to conquer the Turk. His prudent Thought is, his considering that a false Religion, such as *Mahomet's*, was the Occasion of his Misfortunes ; and he will destroy that, and set up the Christian Princes. The Tartars are used to perfidious thievish Depredations, of fierce Voices, and little Understanding.

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There shall be many Wars in the West amongst Men, and Blood shall flow from the Banks into the deep Rivers ; and a Sedition shall be in *Macedonia*, which shall beg Assistance from the West to destroy their King (*i. e.* the Turk) ; and then it shall be the Winter season in that Country, and that Country shall be fill'd with a miserable War ; for Fire shall fall from Heaven and rain on Men Fire and Blood-water, a burning Storm, Darkness, Obscurity in the Heavens for want of the Stars, and a general Plague in the War, and a Slaughter in the Dark ; and these shall kill all the Kings, and the great Men, so the miserable Destruction by War shall have an end, and none shall fight with Swords, or Iron, nor those Weapons which 'tis unlawful to use any more ; but the wise People, who are left, shall enjoy Peace, rejoicing after their Suffering.

Note. This is the Destruction of the Turk by the help of the Christian Princes, who will assist the *Macedonians* to destroy the Turks ; Fire from Heaven will help 'em. These seem to agree with the Destruction of the Turk, in Rev. 19, when Christ comes.

O Slayers of your Mothers ! cease from Confidence, and impudent evil Actions, who have invented impure Sodomy, and have appointed chaste Women for Whores in shameful Houses, to their great injury, wrong, and dishonour ; for amongst you

the Mother lies with the Son after an unlawful manner, and the Daughter is married to the Father; amongst you, Kings have defil'd their unfortunate Mouths, and wicked Men have invented the lying with Beasts. Be silent, O deplorable wicked City (of *Rome*,) who giv'st thy self to Luxury! the young Vestal Virgins shall not find the divine Fire any more in thee, with the Matter us'd to nourish it, for your Temple was destroy'd a long time since; and I beheld the second Temple demolished, and utterly ruin'd and burnt with Fire, by impure Hands, a Temple that always flourish'd, a Temple preserv'd by God, built by Saints, and (being immortal) to be desir'd from the Heart and Soul; for it praises God without weariness, in no obscure Land: Here the wise Builder never cut the Stones, nor is Gold (the Deceiver of Souls in the World) ador'd, but the Great Father of all the Inspir'd; they shall honour him by Sacrifices and holy Hecatombs.

Note. By the *Matrum cæsores* the Popes must here be understood, because of their Cruelty to the Protestants. Here their Sodomy, licensing of Baudyhouses for Money, dispensing with unlawful Marriages, dissolving Oaths and Marriage contracts among Princes, are noted; for these things *Rome* is call'd a wicked and luxurious City. The first State of *Rome*, whilst the Church was pure, is represented by the *Vestal* Virgins; but that being destroy'd long since, as the *Vestal* Temple was; the second state is represented by Constantine's Temple,

Temple, built in *Rome*, which was built by the Saints, and long preserv'd; and this is represented as destroy'd by wicked Men. And a reform'd State of Worship is represented by those who praise God in no obscure Land; and they have no Images, nor Ornaments of Gold to deceive Souls, but worship God, the Father of all Saints, who were only inspir'd Men. This third state of the *Roman Church* represents the Reformation.

But now an ignoble and impure King is come (into *Italy*), and has destroy'd this City, and spoil'd the Structure with a great multitude, and famous Men. He died when he invaded that excellent Land; and there never was such a Wonder amongst Men, to see Strangers destroy this great City.

The ruin of
Rome by some
Turkish Pyrate.
The Turks are
call'd Impure
King by the Si-
byls.

Note, This is the last Destruction of *Rome*, by some Pyrate Turks, who shall surprize and burn it. The same History is mention'd in the Eighth Book. This King is call'd *a'cahs*, and therefore must be some inferiour Prince; and he is call'd *da'ay'G*, by which the Mahometans are describ'd.

The Blessed Man is come from the high Heavens, having His Sceptre in His Hands which God gave Him, and gloriously governs all; and He restores to all good Men the Riches which Men formerly took from them; and He has destroy'd all Cities with Fire, to their very Foundations, and burnt all Nations of Men; who were guilty of evil Works; but He hath made the City which God loves more splendid than the Sun,

Christ coming
to reign in the
Millennium,
and builds New
Jerusalem.

Sun, and Stars, and the Moon, and hath adorn'd it, and made a Holy Temple, substantial, large, and beautiful, and rais'd a Tower great and large, upon many Stadia, as if it touch'd the Clouds, and visible to all, that all holy and just Men may see the Glory of the invisible God ; a desirable Spectacle ! the *East* and *West* shall sing in Hymns the Praise of God ; for there shall not be any terrible Evils to miserable Mortals ; no Adulteries, nor detestable Sodomy, nor Murder, nor Sedition, but all shall strive for Virtue and Righteousness. The last times shall belong to the Saints ; for God Almighty determines them so to be, who is the Builder of the great Temple.

Note. That Christ's Reign is here describ'd after the Fall of *Rome*, and then he builds the New *Jerusalem*.

Babylon's Fall.

Alas for thee, O *Babylon* ! who sittest on thy golden Throne, and golden Footstool, an ancient Queen, who alone didst command the World, a City formerly great and famous ! thou shalt no longer remain on the golden Mountains, by the Waters of *Euphrates*; thou shalt be thrown down in the time of Earthquakes. The cruel *Parthians* help'd thee to conquer all. O impure City ! stop thy Mouth, thou Generation of the *Chaldeans*; neither be solicitous, nor ask how you shall govern *Perse*, or how to conquer the *Medes*, for he that de-

desir'd thy Empire, for which he hath Hostages, sent to *Rome* those who serv'd as Soldiers in *Asia*; therefore thou, who art a wise Queen, shalt have the same Judg-
ment as the *Athenians*, for whom thou didst pay a Ransom; and thou wilt suffer severely from thy Enemies for the perverse Words thou hast given them.

Note. That *Babylon* will fall by an Earthquake, as the Angel with the seventh Vial declares in the Revelations. She formerly was the Seat of the *Babylonish* Empire, and at last fell into the *Turks* Hands. The *Parthian* Kings were made by the *Romans* in the Time of *Augustus*, but they soon revolted from the *Romans*: *Tiridates* was set over them by *Tiberius*, and the *Romans* kept some Ho-
stages at *Rome*. *Trajan* conquer'd *Babylon*, Anne 115. This ought to be carefully observ'd, that *Rome* was destroy'd before *Babylon*, and the Sibyl never call *Rome*, *Babylon*.

The Sea shall be dry in the last Times, No Sea or Ma-
Re. 16.
and Ships shall not sail into *Italy*; then great *Asia*, which is very fruitful, shall be cover'd by Water, and *Crete* shall be a Field, and *Cyprus* shall suffer much damage, and *Paphos* shall suffer a terrible Fate, which may make it wise; and the great City *Sala-
mis* shall suffer great Calamity, and the Land shall be barren on the Shore again, and a great number of Caterpillars shall destroy the Land of *Cyprus*; and Men who shall look upon *Tyre* shall weep.

Note, This is the Account in the Revelationi, chap. 16, ver. 20, all Islands fled away, and the Mountains were not found; and this immediately follows the Fall of Babylon, both in the Revelations and Oracles.

O Phœnicia! great Wrath is reserv'd for thee, till thou fall, that the Sirenes may truly lament thy Ruin. There shall be in the fifth Generation, when the Destruction of Egypt shall cease, when the shameless King shall mix with one another Generations of all People, who shall settle them in Egypt: And there shall be a War in Macedonia, Asia, and Lycia, which will perplex the World, and be very bloody, and burn all to Ashes, which the King of Rome and the Western Princes shall cause to cease.

Note, That this Destruction of Phœnicia must be in the Macedonian War, and in that of Asia and Lycia.

ie Hail in
v. 19, or the
oration of the
stars.

When the Winter Blasts shall bring much Snow, the great River being froze up, and the great Fenns, presently a barbarous People shall come into Asia, and destroy the terrible Stock of the Thracians, now easily destroy'd: The melancholy Mortals shall eat their Ancestors, being tormented by Hunger, and swallow greedily such Meats; and every House will yield a Table to all wild Beasts; and the Birds shall eat all Men; and the Sea shall be fill'd with the Wicked, from the Rivers in which the bloody

bloody Bodies swim, as well as the Blood of foolish Men. Then there will be such a little City upon the Earth, that the number of Men and Women may be easily reckon'd.

Note, This must be an Invasion of the *Tartars*, near *Tbrace*, in a hard Winter, coming over the River *Danube* and the Fens of *Meotis*. This is like the second Vial, where the Sea is turn'd into Blood; but I refer it to the last Destruction of them before the *Millennium*.

The miserable Generation in the Western Countries will lament infinitely, ^{In Rev. 21, there was no more Sea.} for fear the remaining part of the Ocean should not return to wash them with its Waters; for it saw the impure Wickedness of many Men: A palpable Darkness shall cover the whole Heaven, and a thick Fogg the Valleys of the Earth; but the Light of God shall lead good Men, who have prais'd him.

Note, The Seas lie most on the *West*, and they will become dry at the End of the World, and a Darkness shall fall on the Wicked, but the Good shall enjoy a divine Light, who praised God.

O *Iris*, the unfortunate Goddess! thou shalt continue at the Waters of *Nile* alone; mad and raging upon the Sands of *Acheron*, and thou shalt no more be remember'd thro' all the Earth. And you, *Serapis*, plac'd on

a Rock, shall grieve much, and lie a Monticement of Ruin in miserable *Egypt*; and they in *Egypt* which desir'd thee, shall all lament thee grievously; and all that have an immortal Soul in them, and as many as praise God, shall know that thou art nothing.

Note; That *Acheron* is put for the place of the Dead, and the Temple of *Serapis* was destroy'd anno 389, by *Theodosius* the Great, so that the Christian Idolatry in *Egypt* is here represented by the Worship of *Iris* and *Serapis*: And a reform'd Religion is represented here under the notion of a Temple; and when the *Ethiopians* shall destroy it, the World shall have an End. The *Turks* have long since destroy'd the Heathen Idolatry; and this here describ'd is at the End of the World, and must be that of the Greek Church.

The Reformation from Idolatry in *Egypt*, under the notion of a Temple.

And one of the Priests cloath'd in Linnen shall say, let us build a true and beautiful Temple for God; come, let us change the evil Customs of our Ancestors, by which they were taught to make Pomps, and Feast-days, and sacrifice to Gods of Stone and Earth, and did not consider this; let us turn our Hearts to praise the immortal God, who is the Father of all, and will always be the Governour of all, the most true King, the Father and Preserver of Souls, the great God, always living. And then there shall be a great pure Temple built in *Egypt*, and the People who serve God shall bring their Sacrifices, and God will enable them

them to live purely. But when the *Aethiopians* shall leave the insolent Tribes of the *Triballi*, and shall rest there, and plow *Egypt* as their own, then they shall begin their Wickedness, that all things that are to come to pass, may be done; for they shall destroy the great Temple in the Land of *Egypt*. Then God shall pour forth his grievous Vengeance on them, so as to destroy all the Wicked and Unrighteous; and there's none shall spare them in that Country, because they did not observe the Traditions which God gave them.

The *Aethiopians*
destroy'd in
Egypt, like part
of *Gog and Magog*.
Rev. 20.

Note, That this is the last Scene of Affairs at the End of the World: In *Egypt* there shall be a Reformation of Religion from Idolatry, but that will be destroy'd by the *Aethiopians*, after the Millennium, and then the World must be burnt, as is afterwards describ'd. The *Triballi* are in *Lower Mæsia*, near the River *Strymon* in *Thrace*; and probably these are the remains of the *Turkish Empire*, whom the *Aethiopians* deserted, when the *Thracian Turks* had been murder'd by the *Tartars* Invasion; which is describ'd above.

I saw the Threats in the light of the Sun reflected from the Stars, and the cruel Anger of the Moon in her Beams. The Stars began a Fight, because God permitted them; for instead of the Sun, long Flames darted at one another, the Morning-Star pursu'd the Fight, getting on the Back of the Lyon, and the miserable Moon chang'd her two-horn'd Figure; *Capricorn* struck on the

The Appearance
of Stars fighting
in the end of the
World.

the Tail of the *Bull*, and the *Bull* prevented the time of the return of *Capricorn*, and *Orion* his Yoke, so as not to remain in his Place; and *Virgo* chang'd Place with *Gemini* in the *Ram*, the *Pleiades* did not appear, and the *Dragon* forsook his Zone, and the *Fishes* came under the Belt of the *Lyon*; the *Crab* did not remain, because he fear'd *Orion*; the *Scorpion* turn'd his Tail for fear of the *Lyon*, and the *Dog-Star* escaped from the Flaines of the *Sun*; *Aquarius* burnt the Strength of the great *Morning-Star*; Heaven mov'd it self, till it had shaken off the Stars that fought, and being angry, it cast them down on the Earth; and they destroying the Waters of the Sea, easily burnt all the Earth, and the Heavens remain'd without Stars.

Note, That at the End, there will be Signs in the Sun and Moon, by the change of their Light and Motion; and this is represented here by the Fight of the Stars, and seeming to fall; for if the motion of the Earth be nearer to the Sun and Stars, and irregular, the Stars will appear to us as falling, and to have deserted their usual Place, in respect of us. This is Poetically describ'd, and is the peculiar Rapture of the Translator, to express the Confusion of all things, both in Earth and Heavens, at the End of the World.

If we consider, that *Adrian* is describ'd in the beginning of this Book, all the Prophecies after must respect the Ages which succeeded him, till the End of the World; as this imports, *subq; tuq;* *excellentissime ramū, omnia tempora erunt.* The Calamities of *Egypt* are first describ'd, and those which

which must happen. *Tempus ad extremum, quo gens humana futura est pessima.* The Wars at *Alexandria* are the next; and the *Barbarian* that destroy'd all that Country is *Omar*, and the *Rex Cissis Missus*, is the Christians in the West, *Cittim* being *Javan's Son*. Then follows the Diluvium of *Euphrates*, which is the *Turks Invasion*; and the Conquest of *Thessaly* and *Corinth* are afterwards describ'd. None can believe this Series of Prophecies are raving Nonsense; nor can they apply them to any other Histories after *Adrian's Time*. The fourth Vial on the Sun is describ'd in the Oracles, before the third on the Waters, because the fourth has a connexion with the Calamities in *Asia*, which are related all together; but the Vial on the Waters relates to the Fate of *Thrace* and the *Macedonians* in *Europe*; where the Fate of divers Places must be mention'd; one must be declar'd in Writing before the other, but they may both happen near the same Time in different Countries: So, it may be, in this Prophecy the fourth Vial is in *Asia*, the third in *Europe*. The Fall of *Babylon* in the *Revelations* is before the Destruction of *Rome*, but in the Oracles after it; these being in different Countries, may fall out in the same time, but these things being to come, must be explain'd by future Events.

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THE SIXTH BOOK.

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This is of some different Sibyl's Verses, wherein Christ is describ'd to be born, baptiz'd, his Miracles, his Death, and coming again, are mention'd, and his Cross will appear in Heaven.

I Will sing heartily of the Great and Celebrated Son of the Immortal God, to whom the Supreme Father gave the possession of a Throne before he was born; and taking Flesh, he became of two Natures: He was wash'd in the Streams of the River Jordan, whose Waters are clear, and flow swiftly: He is the first God, of the first Fire, and his Son begotten by a Dove, the Spirit, which appear'd like a Dove with white Wings. He shall flourish like a Flower, very pure; and all things shall then flourish. He shall shew all Men the Ways and Paths which lead to Heaven; and he shall instruct all by his wise Discourses:

ses: He shall judge all, and perswade them who are Enemies: He shall commend the laudable Stock of his Heavenly Father: He shall appease the Sea, and free Men from their Diseases: He shall raise the Dead, and drive away all great Pains; and from one piece of Bread many shall be fed, when the House of *David* shall produce a Branch. In his Hands is all the World, the Earth, and Heavens, and Sea: He shall shine again on the Earth, (at his second coming) such as they two saw him at first, when they came out of one another's Sides. There shall be a time when the Earth shall rejoice in the Hope of *David's* Son (in the Millennium.)

O Land of *Sodom*! great Mischiefs remain for thee alone; for thou being perverse, didst not know thy God, but wast deceiv'd by Mortal Imagination; but thou crowned'st him with a Crown of Thorns, and didst mix bitter Gall for the greater abuse; therefore the Spirit shall contrive many Mischiefs for thee.

O the happy Wood on which God was extended! the Earth shall not keep thee, but thou shalt see the Heavenly Places, when the new fiery Countenance of God shall appear like Lightning.

Note. This Book is quoted by *Lactantius* and *Sozomen*, who says, *Ipsi Gentiles fatentur hoc esse Sibyllae carmen, O Lignum felix!* &c. And *Lactantius* mentions this Complaint against *Judaea*. If these Prophecies had been writ in prophetic Symbols,

bols, the *Gentiles* would never have understood 'em ; nor could they convince 'em when they came to pass : But the *Jews*, being us'd to Symbols, would more easily understand those sort of Expressions, which are very obscure to us, who live in the West. The Jewish Prophets were read in their Syhagogues, and there explain'd : And in the *Revelations* all the Symbolical Expressions are borrow'd from the old Prophets. It was necessary that the Prophecies concerning Christ should be more clearly given to the *Gentiles* than the *Jews*, because 'tis the only Knowledg they had of Christ ; but the *Jews* had many Prophecies concerning him : Besides, this Prophecy was obscure to the *Gentiles* till Christian Religion was preach'd amongst them, and then they found it plainly in their Oracles : And the *Christians* appeal'd to them, to prove the great Articles of their Religion. But *Gallus* is offend'd, because so many Circumstances of Christ's Baptism in *Jordan*, and his Miracles, are mention'd. Is this a greater Circumstance than the Place of Christ's Birth, and his Birth of a Virgin, the casting Lots on his Garment, and the thirty Pieces of Silver ? But I may affirm, that it pleas'd God to deliver Prophecies to the *Gentiles* more plainly than to the *Jews* ; as appears by the *Magi*, who found out the Time and Place of Christ's Birth, they being directed by some Prophecy to follow the Star that would lead them to Christ. And this Prophecy the *Jews* were ignorant of ; neither could they by any Prophecy tell the exact Time and Place of his Birth, as the *Gentile Magi* did. And this is a sufficient Answer to our angry Commentator, that God should inspire Pagan Women, *majori Prophetarum dono*, than the Jewish Prophets. But I have quoted two Witnesses against him for the Divini-

ty of these Oracles, *Lactantius* and *Sozomen*, who say also the *Gentiles* do not deny it. This ought to caution *Gallus* from ascribing them to some Impostor, without naming any Person, or quoting any Author, to prove that any one believ'd them to be Impostures in the first Centuries, when they were first quoted.

The *Perfica Sibylla* wrote of Christ as God, in the 126th Olympiad, and he was born in the 194th Olympiad : I therefore conjecture that this Book was writ by her.

Because the Sibyl mentions the Names of Cities where great Calamities will happen, they seem more easie to be understood than the *Revelations*; but it may be obser'd, that many old Cities and Temples are long since destroy'd, and then the old City must represent the People of that Country, and the Heathen Temple the Turkish Moschs, or Idolatrous Temples for Saints Worship.

THE SEVENTH BOOK.

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Delos must be destroy'd by a Widow, Cyprus destroy'd by the Sea, Sicily burns by its own Fire, Water shall destroy all, after which shall follow another Age.

Phrygia is the first place inhabited, and the first which offended by Idolatry. The Æthiopians shall become miserable, and their Bodies slain.

Ægypt shall be ruin'd by a Civil Dissension, and then reject Apis.

Laodicea shall be burnt. A Pillar encompass'd with Fire to destroy the Wicked,

God gives a Throne to the House of David, and subjects all Ages to him,

The Persian shall reign, and introduce Sodomy; the Roman shall shed much Blood, but at last be overcome. Ilias shall not rejoice in her Musical Instruments, but in Funeral Lamentations. Colophon shall be burnt, Thessaly unfortunate to her Nymphs, for the Earth shall never see them again, nor their Ashes, but they swim away by Sea, and leave the most sordid Prey to their Enemies.

Christ is describ'd as baptiz'd in Jordan, tho' he was a Prince before the World, by his Father's Word, and the Holy Ghost; be delights not in Sacrifices,

crifces, Frankincense, Silver, and Gold, but in Piety, Hope, Religious Worship, Charity, and Prayers.

The Island Sardo shall be burnt, and found no more.
The Maritime Towns in Mygdonia must fall by a hot Wind.

Some part of Gallia, near the Alps, shall be cover'd with Sand.

Rome shall be destroy'd when it thinks it self most strong and glorious.

Syria shall be unhappy, and Thebes perish in War, and all the Land destroy'd, and all the World burns.

THOU shalt be the first of Cities, O Delos! the first Widow of Men shall destroy thee, who is altogether unpleasant in her Diet. O Delos! thou shalt swim, and shalt be unstable in the Waters.

Note. This relates to the Story of *Delos* rais'd above Water to receive *Latona*, who was there deliver'd of *Apollo*.
The Birth of Apollo, a Greek God, in Delos.

O Cyprus! the Waves of the Sea which is married to thee, shall overflow thee. O Sicily! the Fire which burns in thee shall consume thee; neither canst thou evade the horrible and hated Waters, which God will send.

A certain *Noah*, of all Men, shall escape the Deluge; the Earth shall swim, and the Mountains swim, and the Air swim; all things shall be cover'd by Water, and destroy'd by the same; but the Winds shall cease, and another Age shall come.

Note. This seems to be Ogyges's Flood, in which time the Island *Delos* rose out of the Waters. Ogyges was King of *Thebes*, in whose time this Deluge happen'd; it is reckon'd after Noah's 536 Years, and before Deucalion's many Years. Ogyges's Flood was 1796 Years before Christ. This is the first certain Fact in the History of *Greece*; with this the Sibyl begins this Book, to shew the beginning of Idolatry.

O *Phrygia*! thou shalt first appear above the top of the Waters, and first deny God, and turn to Impiety, and delight in other Idols which are horrid, and will destroy thee in future Ages.

The *Aethiopians* are miserable, suffering lamentable Pains; they shall be slain with the Sword, trembling in their Bodies.

Egypt shall be destroy'd by intestine Sedition, which is fruitful, and always at bounds with Corn, which *Nile* inundates with its seven Streams; then Men shall suddenly cast out *Apis* from amongst them, as no God.

Note. That *Phrygia* is accus'd as the Author of Idolatry, and in future Ages must suffer for it, as it did in the Revolutions of all the Empires, and at last by the *Turks*; the *Aethiopians* must be slain in Battel, chiefly by the *Romans*, and they were expel'd thence by the *Saracens*, 647, who were conquer'd by the *Turk*. The *Egyptians* cast forth *Apis* under the Christian Emperors; and this is some preceding Sedition.

Alas for *Laodicea*! thou neither didst see God at any time, and thou, being very confident, wilt speak falsely; the River of *Lycas* shall lament thee.

Rev. 3, Laodicea boasts, that she wants nothing; is advis'd to anoint her Eyes, that she may see.

The same Great God, who is begotten, who shall make many Stars, and hang his middle Axis in the Air, shall raise a great Column for Men, as a terrible Sight, being encompass'd by Fire, whose Sparks shall destroy the wicked Generation of corrupt Men. There shall be a common King, *Saturn*; and then Men shall entreat God, but they shall not put an end to their sad Losses; but all things shall be perform'd by the House of *David*, for God hath granted him to possess a Throne; for all the *Genii* shall be subject to him, both those who appear in Fire, and those who appear in Rivers, and they who preserve Cities, and they who send Winds, or give a troublous Life to many Men, insinuating themselves into their Souls, and changing the Minds of Men. But when the Branch shall spring from the Root new in appearance, he shall dissolve the Creation, by which he gave abundant Nutriment to all things. And about this time more shall happen,

But when other *Persians* shall reign, who are a Tribe of Warriors, there shall presently be unlawful Marriages of Women in their sinful Tribes; the Mother shall marry her own Son, and the Son be a Husband to his Mother; the Daughter lie with the Father, and cause him to sleep after this *Barbarian*

The *Persians* may be the other *Persians*, or the *Cofroes*, who got many Battles of the *Romans*.

barian Practice: But after these, the Roman Armies shall be famous in many Battels, and shed human Blood in many Countries; and then the Italian Prince shall fly, being conquer'd in Battels, and leave on the Ground his Armis adorn'd with Gold as he fled, and they shall ever after suffer (Desolation) the Sign of Necessity. Then shall be a time when *Nium*, being always wicked and miserably unfortunate, shall taste of more Funerals than Marriages; then the Nymphs shall bewail grievously, because they knew not God, but delighted in the Noise of Drums and other sounding Instruments.

Colophon is Ionia on the River Caystrus. O Colophon! do thou consult the Oracle, for a terrible Fire hangs over thee.

An. 1454, Amurath the 3d conquer'd Bessaly, 1432, and the Venetians who defended it fled away by Sea from Bessalonia. O Theffaly! unfortunate to the Nymphs, the Earth shall not see thee any more, nor thy Ashes, for thou alone shalt fly and swim away from *Epirus*: O miserable Land! thou shalt fall by the swift Rivers, and by the Sword.

An. 1454, the Palaeologi (Thomas and Demetrius) were in War with the Albanians, and call'd in Mabomet, who conquer'd Peloponnesus, ann. 1460. O miserable Corinth! thou shalt be compass'd by the same War, and you shall destroy one another.

Note, That after the Roman Holy War in the East, these Misfortunes will besal *Nia* and *Colophonus*, Cities in *Asia* and *Theffaly*, and *Corinth* in *Greece*. These Wars shall be from the Turks, who conquer'd these places, as well as Tyre; and *Cælo-Phanicia* suffer'd by the same. The Nymphs fled from *Epirus* when the Turks conquer'd it by Sea; and there were intestine Dissensions betwixt the Princes before the Turks took *Corinth*: So this

this Book contains some of those Histories mentioned in the third and fourth Books, and must be interpreted by them. The Deluge describ'd in the beginning represents the Tartars Invasion in the East; and Noah's, the Turks coming into Asia, because he is said, like another Noah, to escape it alone, and *fugiens venit*, which is the usual Description of him. And then follows the Destruction of Phrygia by him. And the Ethiopians are the Atabites Saracens, whom the Turk conquer'd first in Syria, and afterwards in Egypt; and Laodicea was taken by them. Christ's Punishment of the Eastern Nations is represented by the Pillar encompass'd with Fire, that thence may destroy the Wicked; And this Power God gav's him, and the Pillar as a Throne. The other Persians may be the Turks, or Tartars, who learnt the incestuous Marriages from the Persians. Then the Romans oppos'd the Turks in the Holy War, and their Blood was spilt in every Country, and they fled, being conquer'd. After this War, the Ottomans rais'd their Kingdom, and conquer'd Rum, Cappadocia, Thrace, and Corinth.
 Now tell me how many things shalt thou alone suffer, who art the Country of Righteous Men? O Assyrian Celso-Phoenicia! being formerly possess'd by honorable Men, over-against which lies the tempestuous Ionian Seas. O thou miserable! thou knewest not thy God, whom the Spirit washed in Jordan three times, and rested upon him a long time; who was formerly made a Lord, by the Word of his Father, and by the pure Spirit to govern both the Earth, and Starry Heavens. But he took a Body,

An Allegorical Interpretation
of this Book.

and swiftly ascended into Heaven ; but the great Heavens made three great Towers for him, in which the good Mothers of God now inhabit [the Patriarchal Churches in the East] hope, a desirable Piety, and Religion, not rejoicing in Silver and Gold, but in the Worshipers, and their Sacrifices, the Hearts of the most just. Thou shalt sacrifice to the immortal great God, who is suprem, not pieces of Frankincense melted by Fire, neither shalt thou slay with a Knife a rough-hair'd Lamb ; but with all those who are of the same Blood with thee, thou shalt take wild Birds, and (praying) send them with thy Eyes fix'd upward to Heaven, and thou shalt sprinkle Water on the pure Fire, speaking such things : " O Father, who hast begot thee, the Word ! " O Father ! I have sent the Bird, a swift Messenger of my Prayers : O Word of God ! sprinkl'd in thy Baptism with pure Water, thou wilt not shut the Door when any Stranger shall come, being in want, to be deliver'd from Famine and Poverty, but receive him, and sprinkle the Head of this Man with Water. And, praying, thrice speak such things to your God ; " I do not love Riches ; when I was Poor, I receiv'd the Poor : O Father ! the Governour in all Places, hear me. And he will give to thee Praying ; and then the Man will answer, " Do not afflict me, who am a holy Worshipper of God, just, pure, free, and a chosen Offspring : " O

" O Father! confirm my miserable Heart,
" for I look up unto thee, who art unpolluted,
" whom no Hands have made.

Note. That *Tyre* was destroy'd by the Turks in
in the End of the Holy War. *Damascus* in *Affrygia*
was the Royal Seat of the Turks who follow'd
Melec and *Ducas*; and *Damascus* is the chief City
in *Cœlophœbia*: the River *Bryzorrhœus* flows by *Da-*
mascus into the Mediterranean Sea. The Reasons
of the Miseries of *Affrygia* are, their not following
Christ.

Here Christ's being Lord of Heaven and Earth
is intimated before he took a Body, and ascended
thither. And the Christian Religion is here plainly
describ'd to be without bloody Sacrifices and
Incense; their Sacrifices are Prayers, sent up by
the Assistance of the Holy Spirit, express'd by
Birds. Baptism is here describ'd by the sprinkling
with Water and Fire, which is the Spirit; and
Charity is here made part of that Religion.

O *Sardo*! thou being sad, shalt be turn'd
into Ashes, and thou shalt be no more an
Island when the tenth Age shall come; and
the Sailors in the Sea shall seek thee, who
art not to be found; and the *Halcyons* shall
raise their miserable Lamentations for thee.

O rongh (and uneven) *Mygdonia*! [a Re-
gion of *Macedonia* near *Thrace*] a Maritime
Town difficultly approach'd; thou shalt
grow old and perish for every and all by a
hot Wind; [that is by the Turks' Guns,] and
thou shalt rage thro' many Miseries.

O *thob Gud*, who inhabitest near the Steepi
Alps! thou shalt be cover'd with deep Sand;

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Oxen be drove in the plowing by the Iron which directs them ; nor shall they prune the Branches, or cut the Corn, but they shall all eat the Manna, which falls like Dew, with their white Teeth, and God shall be with them, and instruct them.

Note. That the Destruction in Thebes must be in the Macedonian War, and that in Syria, as it is describ'd in the fifth Book ; and after that, the small of Sulphur, and Darkness, and then shall be a new World : But what the third Lot of Years to come signifies, and the first eight, I cannot guess ; it may relate to this Verse in the eighth Book, *Post hunc regnabunt tres ultima tempora habentes.* 'Tis plain the Resurrection is describ'd of the Bodies, and the eating Manna in Paradise, and Christ's Presence also.

O me who am wicked ! for what Evils did I formerly with a Design ? and I did others unwillingly ; I have committed Whoredom many times, and I never marry'd ; I was unfaithful to all, but oblig'd others by a brutish Oath ; I shut out of my House the Poor ; but walking in the Porch, I admitted those who were like me, not considering the Command of God : For this reason Fire hath eaten me ; and after this Consumption I shall not live again, but an ill time will destroy me ; and Men shall make me a Montiment, but they who will come after shall throw me into the Sea, with the Stones that cover me, because I lay with my Father, and produc'd for him a dear Son.

Son. Let all of you cast me away, for so I shall live, and fix my Eyes on Heaven.

Note the Wickedness the Sibyl here confesses she had done, and concludes with a Prophesy how she should be abus'd after her Death, for which she hopes for Pardon ; but this Wickedness is objected against her by *Gallæus*, as making her unfit for a Prophetess ; to which I will give this Answer out of the Apostolic Constitutions : Neither is every one that prophesies holy ; *Baalam* did prophecy, tho' he was a wicked Man ; as did *Caiaphas*, the falsely nam'd High-priest : *Seul* was amongst the true Prophets, and *Abab*'s false Prophets were inspir'd by a lying Spirit, and sometimes the Devil's Oracles foretold Events truly, as well as the Witch at *Endor*.

Lactantius quotes some of this Book, and therefore we may suppose it genuine, tho' most obscure of any ; and it seems to want its *Proemium* concerning God ; but it ends with the burning of the World, the Resurrection and *Millennium*. The Incest this Sibyl was guilty of, does incline me to think she was a *Persian* Sibyl.

THE EIGHTH BOOK.

The C O N T E N T S.

In this Book those things are chiefly related which belong to the Destruction of the Roman Empire; and this is the Volumes of the Cumæan Sibyl, which, Lactantius says, were kept as Arcana by the Romans; but the rest of the Books of the Sibyls were not forbidden to be commonly read by all, and therefore were well known, and might be preserv'd when the Capitol was burnt.

The Covetousness of the Romans is first reprov'd: Rome must be demolish'd and burnt after Adrian, and after the three eminent Persons who must reign; and they shall continue to the last Ages, and the time signified by God's Name, the summ of Years & Days is 1764. Adrian died anno 140, the total of the Years of the World 1904.

Constantine is the old King, who brought the Riches of Rome into Asia, and there the Turk seiz'd them.

Nero here represents the Turk, and is the third of the three that must reign; and then the Emperor of the East, who resides in Roma Prognata Latina, shall lose his Empire, and that will never rise again.

A Pyrate coming over the Seas, is call'd Ignifer Draco, with a great Army, and he shall destroy Rome, and then the End of the World is near ; but Rome must first be destroy'd.

The Latin Western Emperors were here mention'd, who will rise the second of the three, and from them the time the City must fall is computed.

After Ægypt has had 15 Kings, then a Phœnician in his fifth Year shall come and destroy the Jews, and conquer the Romans, and at last he shall come out of Asia with a great Army, and surprize the City of Rome ; and then Rome, as the Numbers in its Name signifie, shall fulfill 948 Years, to which if we add the Year when the Western Empire began, it will make the Year of our Lord 1748 ; but if we reckon from the beginning of the German Empire, ann. 888, the Year of the World will be when Rome falls, 1836. The Computation in the Revelation stands thus ; the Papacy rose 608, to which add 1260, the total is 1866, when Rome must be burnt.

The Person who must destroy Rome comes out of Asia, sailing thence by the Isthmus of Italy, beholding all Countries as he passes ; and he shall cause great effusion of Blood, like a wild Beast ; he shall subvert some Kingdoms, and then perish.

Rhodes must after this be destroy'd, and Thebes, Ægypt, and last of all, Persia ; then Christ shall reign, and the Dead be rais'd ; before which times Famines, Plagues, Tumults, and great Wickedness shall abound, and a Comet shall appear ; then will be the reign of a Woman, and the World be destroy'd.

I Do declare the Signs of the great Anger of God, which is to come upon the World, which will be full of Infidelity in the last Ages. I will prophesie of these

things to all Men, in their several Cities, from the time that the Tower of *Babel* fell, and the Tongues of Men were divided into many Dialects.

First, of the Kingdom of *Egypt*; after that, of the *Persians*, *Medes*, and *Aethiopians*, and of *Babylon* in *Affyria*; then I will speak of the great Pride of *Macedonia*, for I am sent against the famous and wicked Kingdom of *Italy*; and lastly, shew to all Men many Calamities which are to come, and will destroy all the Labours of Men on the Earth [*their Cities*]; and then the fierce Kings of the *Gentiles* shall be brought into the West, [*the Western Emperors*] who shall give Laws to the People, and subdue them all: Last of all, the Mill of God shall grind 'em into small Powder, when Fire shall destroy all, and reduce into thin Ashes the tops of the high Mountains, and all Flesh.

The Beginning of all Evils is Covetousness and Folly; they shall desire much deceitful Gold and Silver, for Men think nothing better than these, not the Light of the Sun, nor the Heavens, nor the Sea, nor the vast Earth, where all things are bred, nor God, who gives all things, and is the Father of all; nor do they prefer the Faith and Righteousnes of these: This is the Fountain of Impiety, and the Author of all Disorders, the Contriver of Wars, and the Enemy of Peace, which makes Fathers Enemies to their Children, and Children to their Fathers: And no Honour is paid to

Mar-

riages; equal to what is given to Gold. The Earth shall have Bounds set to it, and Guards to every Sea : It is measur'd out deceitfully to those who abound in Gold, who desire always to enjoy the fruitful Land ; they will destroy the Poor, that they may possess more Lands, and boast that they are made their Slaves ; and if the great Earth had not been so remote from the Starry Heavens, the Light had not been equally divided amongst Men, but it would have been bought for Gold, and made subject to the Rich, and God must have made another World for the Poor.

Note, The Measure of the Verses would not admit of naming the Monarchies in the Order they rose ; and since there is no more said of them, the Design of this Book is only to declare the last Fate of the *Romans*, which should happen in the end of the World, when God's Mill (*i. e.* his Providence) will reduce all to Powder.

O proud and boasting *Rome* ! an equal Destruction shall fall on thee from Heaven above ; and thou shalt first bend thy Neck, that thou maist be thrown down ; and thou shalt be utterly consum'd by Fire, and lie on the Ground ; and thy Riches shall perish, and Wolves and Foxes shall inhabit thy Foundations, and then thou shalt be altogether desolate, as if thou hadst never been. Where wilt then be thy *Palladium* ? [the *Status* of Pallas, which preserv'd Troy] What God made of Gold, Silver, or Brass

Will save thee? or, Where are the Decrees of thy Senate? Where is the Progeny of *Rhea* and *Saturn*, or Generation of *Jupiter*, and of all those *Demons* you worship'd, who are dead Men, and Images made of them, of whose Monuments unfortunate *Crete* makes her boast, worshiping dead and insensible Images placed on Thrones.

But when fifteen luxurious Princes have possess'd the Empire of *Rome*, making all subject to them from the East to the West, there shall be a King with a white Helmet, having the Name of a neighbouring Sea; he shall travel over the World, with much Labour, giving Gifts, having very much Gold, and gathering more Silver from his Enemies, which he will spend in Gymnaſtic Sports or Exercises: And he shall understand all the Mysteries of the Magic Rites: He shall make his Servant a God, and destroy all other Worship (*of the Jews*), and shall discover to all, the Mysteries of Errors from their original; [i.e. all other Gods were made in the same manner at first as his Servant] from thenceforward his Days shall be unhappy, and he shall make a wretched End.

Note; That *Adrian* travel'd to *Athens*, and many other places; he instituted the *Eleusinian Games*, destroy'd the *Jews* in *Bethoron*, prohibited them from seeing *Jerusalem*; he gave divine Honours to young *Antinous*, which was a great Disgrace to the Heathen Worship, to consecrate his Catamite: He studied Magick much. The reason why he is so particularly describ'd, is to represent

sent the absurd Idolatry in his time amongst the Romans: He died of a Dropsey miserably. He built a Temple at Jerusalem, on the Ruins of the other, and dedicated it to Jupiter.

Note farther, that ~~all~~ ^{ever} ought to be twice read in that Verse, and then the sense is, That that miserable time kill'd him, and he was miserable before his Death.

And the People who were once very powerful shall say, *The City shall fall*, knowing truly the evil time that was to come: Then they shall all lament together, both Fathers and their young Children, the sad Fate of *Rome*, which they foresaw; and they shall mourn on the melancholy Banks of *Tyber*.

After *Adrian*, three shall reign, who shall continue to the last Ages, fulfilling the time signified by God's Name, whose Empire is at present, and shall last for all Ages to come.

Note, That $\chi \varepsilon i \zeta \delta \iota$ makes 1480, $\theta \varepsilon \delta \varepsilon$ 284, (as in χ — 600 the Margin) in all 1764; to which add *An. Dom.* ρ — 100 140, (when *Adrian* died, and from whence the Computation may be made) the total will be 300 1904. And this is the largest Computation that can be made, and is rather a Computation for the Destruction of the Turkish Empire, which will fall out, according to the *Revelations*, in 1882. 70 200 1480 9

One of the three (*and the first*) shall hold the Empire long, till he be old, and in this respect a miserable Prince, who shall shut up in his House all the Riches of the World, 5 70 200 284

and there keep 'em, that when the Slayer of his Mother shall come flying, and return from the ends of the World, he shall give away those Riches to all his Followers, and thereby enrich all Asia: And then thou shalt lament the purple Glory of thy Emperors, when they shall put it off, (*loose their Empire*) and put on a mournful Garment.

O boasting Prince, the Offspring of *Latin Rome*! thou shalt not enjoy any longer the Fame of thy Boasting; and thou, Unfortunate, shalt never be restor'd, but lie down (destroy'd). And the Glory of the Legions, whose Banners carry the Figures of Eagles, shall sink. Where is thy Strength? What Land shall fight for thee, who was brought into Slavery by thy vain and wicked Devices? For then shall Men in all Countries be in confusion, when the Omnipotent shall come and judge from his Throne the Souls of the Quick and the Dead, and all the World: Then the Parents shall not love their Children, nor the Children their Parents, for the abundance of Impiety and sudden Affliction: From thence thou shalt have gnashing of Teeth, Dispersion, and Captivity, when the Cities fall, and the Earth opens (*thiro' Earthquakes*.)

Note. That this old Prince is Constantine the Great, who built Constantinople, and carried the Riches of *Rome* thither. The Slayer of his Mother, is the Ottoman Family, who fled out of *Perse*.

Perfit, when they came into Asia; and they sei'zd on all Constantine's Riches when they took Constantinople, 1453; but they possess'd the Eastern Part of the Empire anno 1300, and the Constantinopolitans shall never regain their Empire: It is, call'd the Offspring of Latin Rome. The three last, who are to reign after Adrian, are, 1. Constantine, 2. the Western Emperors; 3. the Turk; and the Turk must prevail over all at last, for he conquer'd the Constantinopolitan Emperors, often invaded the Western Empire, and he must continue to the end of the World the greatest Empire, and at last burn Rome.

The fiery Dragon, when he shall come swimming on the Waves, having a Multitude in his Belly, and shall nourish thy Children in the time of Plague and Civil War, then the End of the World is near, and the last Day, and the Judgment of the Just and Elect by the Immortal God; but first the inevitable Vengeance must happen to the Romans; a bloody Time, and a mournful Life, shall then be.

Here the Judg-
ment of the E-
lect in the Mil-
lennium is in-
imated.

Alas for thee, O Land of Italy, a great barbarous Nation! thou dost not consider whence thou camest, naked, and inglorious to the Light of the Sun; [i. e. they are the Offspring of the Goths, Lombards, and Normans, all Northern Nations.] that thou maist again return naked into the same place, and at last come to Judgment; for thou alone didst judge wickedly with thy Giant-like Hands (*by Force*) in all parts of the World. Thou shalt fall from an high state, and shalt live

live low in the Earth ; thou shalt vanish thro' much burning Fire, made by bituminous *Naphtha* (or *Asphaltos*) and Brimstone, and thou shalt become burning Ashes for ever, and every one who beholds thee shall hear a great Bellowing and Lamentation from *Hades*, and gnashing of Teeth, and the striking thy Atheistical Bosom with thine own Hands. The Rich will have an equal Night there with the Poor ; they came naked out of the Earth, and they shall return naked thither ; as they encrease they die, finishing their Time : There is no Servant there, nor Lord, nor Tyrant, nor King, nor Commanders, being very proud ; nor a Lawyer with his Eloquence, nor a Governour who judges for Gain, nor he that sacrifices with Libations, or pours Blood on the Altars ; neither does the Drum sound, or the Cymbal, or the Pipe with many Holes, which disturbs the Mind by its Sound ; nor the *Litum*, which bears the form of a Writhen or crooked Dragon ; nor the Trumpet, which declares War by its barbarous Sound ; nor they who are drunk in unlawful Banquets, nor Fornications, nor the Noise of the Harp, nor Inventions to occasion evil Works, nor Contention, nor various Anger, nor the Sword ; but there is a common Age for all the Dead. The Keeper of the great Prison stands at the Throne of God : adorn your selves with polish'd Gold, Silver, and Jewels, that you may come to the bitter Day. (*the Time of its De-*

Destruction). O *Rome*! thou hast seen thy first Punishment and Lamentation with gnashing of Teeth, (*that is, by the Ignifer Draco.*) Neither the *Syrian*, nor *Grecian*, nor *Barbarian*, nor other Nation, shall become Slaves to thee. Thou shalt be destroy'd, and suffer Evil, for what thou hast done; and thou shalt lament and tremble till thou hast paid for all. The World shall triumph over thee, and all shall reproach thee.

Note, The Ignifer *Draco* is *Gensericus*, with his *Vandals* who came, and plunder'd *Rome*, and burnt it, in the Fifth Century, and return'd into *Afric*. This is *Rome's* first Punishment; and the *Saracens* burnt the Suburbs of *Rome* in the Ninth Century. The State of *Hades* is next describ'd, and *Rome* threatened with utter Ruine.

Note, The three in the West govern'd after *Adrian*; *Constantine*, the *Western Emperor*, and the *Turk*: but in the East the three are, the *Eastern Emperor*, the *Saracen*, and *Turk*.

Then the Sixth Generation of the *Latin* Kings shall begin, and continue to fulfill the last Age, and they shall reign; and over the same Generation another King shall reign, and govern all the Earth, and the Empire, and be an absolute Prince, thro' the Decrees of the Great God; and the Childrenas Children of this King shall remain unshaken, for so 'tis decreed in following Ages.

When

The Jews will
be return'd to
their own Coun-
try before the
Fall of Rome.

When there shall be fifteen Kings in *Egypt*, and when the *Phoenician* (Prince) shall come to his fiftieth Year, a Nation shall come destroying divers Nations, and the unmix'd Tribes of the *Hebrews*; then one Nation by War shall make Depredations on another, and the same shall defeat the Threats and Arms of the *Romans*. The flourishing Empire of *Rome* was lost long since, who was an old Queen over many Cities round about her. Hereafter thou shalt not conquer the flourishing Country of the *Romans*, when the Conqueror shall come with his Army out of *Asia*. Having done all these things, he shall come and surprize *Rome*, who shall fulfill thrice Three hundred and forty eight Years, when this unlucky Fate shall come and force it to accomplish the Numbers in its Name.

Note, That the Western Empire was set up again by the Pope, and six French Emperors succeeded of the Charlemaine Family: And after them, another Prince of the same Family succeeded in Germany, which Empire is to continue to the last Ages. *Egypt* must have fifteen Kings, *Selymus* was the first Turkish Emperor there, who conquer'd it *ann. 1517*; and there had been fifteen Saracen Caliphs before Saracons conquer'd them, and afterwards fifteen Mammaluke Caliphs.

A *Phoenician* shall reign in *Egypt*, and he shall plunder many Nations, and the *Jews*, and defeat the *Romans*, and at last come out of *Asia*, and surprize *Rome*.

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Note, the Saracens invaded Italy 829, and in 845. And about 918 the Saracens invaded Apulia, and came also from Africa anno 933, and invaded Genoa, and plunder'd it: And Mahomet the great, not long before his Death, which was anno 1481, took Otranto in Italy, and held it a Year, and plunder'd all the Country: but Providence prevented his farther Conquests by his Death, and the Wars he had with the Caramanian King, assisted by the Persian and Sultan of Egypt.

Achmetes, Mahomet's General, brought his Army from Aulona, a Sea-port in Macedonia, over the Sea to Otranto in Apulia, which is but 60 Miles: And when Rome must fall at last, the Turks will come from Asia, and surprize Rome: *καιρός* is *fundamentum*, but *καιρός* in the Verse is some mistake for a Word signifying unexpectedly. The P — 100 Greek Name of Rome makes 948, and this Computation must begin from 800, when the Western Empire began, or the Germania 888.

If we seriously consider how many things are to come to pass in the fifth Book of the Oracles, before the fall of the Pope, and Turks, we cannot think that Rome can fall in the 18th Century, for the Jews must return first, the Assyrians invade Hellepon; the Egyptians, Macedonia; there must be a civil War in Asia, Italy must become a Desart, and a great War call'd *Bellum fallax*, and *Insidiosum* from the end of the World; Wars in the West, and in Macedonia, and the Kings must be destroy'd by Thunder, and then Rome must be destroy'd; and after that, the Turkish Empire. Barbarossa with the Turkish Vessels plunder'd Italy; and Soliman anno 1537, design'd to have invaded Italy, but fell on the Venetians, plunder'd Zante and Cytherea, and burnt the Islands Aegina, Paros, and Naxos.

Woe

948

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Woe is me, miserable when I shall see
 that Day which will be unfortunate to thee,
O Rome, but most to all *Italy*! The Soldiers,
 inrag'd with Anger, shall commend him
 who ascends the *Trojan Chariot*, (or Ship)
 and came from *Asia*, for his hidden Coun-
 sels and Ambushes, after he hath passed (or
 conquer'd) the Isthmus (*Naples*) looking
 upon all as he goes; he shall change the Sea
 (by coming to another) and the Beast shall
 come to black Blood; [that is, the Turk here
 call'd the Beast shall be slain.] The Dog hath
 produc'd a Lyon, which shall kill the Shep-
 herds, [that is, the Dog is some Confederate's
 Army, the Shepherd is the Commander, the Lyon
 is some Person set up by them, to kill the Com-
 mander] and they shall take away his King-
 dom, and he shall perish.

Note, The Sibyl, like other Poets, supposes she
 saw that Day of *Rome's Fall*, but none can think
 she will be alive then; therefore such a Fiction of
 former Sibyls ought not to be objected against
 their Oracles. The *Trojan Chariot* shews, that
 the Turk will come from thence; or it relates to
 the Ambush in the *Trojan Horse*.

The last Mischief shall then befall *Rhodes*,
 but the greatest; and the *Thebans* shall be
 taken Captive; *Aegypt* shall be destroy'd
 thro' the Faults of the Governours; but
 they who afterwards shall escape this exceed-
 ing Destruction shall be exceeding happy,
 and four times a more happy Man.

Then

Then *Rome* shall be *Rume* [*i. e.* a small Village, as at first ; it had also its Name from Ruma Mamma,] *Delos* shall disappear, and *Samos* become Sand, [*tis observable how these Words rhyme to one another in the Greek.*]

But last of all, the *Persians* shall suffer Calamities, and all Injustice shall be destroy'd for its Pride, and then a pure Prince *Christ reigns.* shall govern all the Earth for all Ages, raising the Dead.

By these things the Highest (God) shall bring the miserable Fate on *Rome*, and Men shall perish, with all their Countries, by these things ; but they will not obey, tho' it were much better for them. But when the evil Day shall increase upon all Men, by Famine and Plagues and Tumults not to be appeas'd, then a Prince formerly miserable, shall call a Counsel, and consult how to destroy. The dry Land shall appear flourishing with Leaves, [*i. e.* the Land destroy'd, shall begin to recover] but the Heavenly Country shall appear on a solid Rock [*the Church not destroy'd*] ; then Rain, Fire, and many Tempests shall be on the Earth, and on Multitudes of Sheep [*who are kill'd by the Tempest*] spread thro' all the Earth : But they who have an impudent Mind, will again do Evil ; not fearing the Anger of G O D or Men, they shall put off all Modesty, and choose Immodesty ; unstable Tyrants, violently wicked, Lyars, perfidious, Evil-workers, in nothing sincere, breakers of Leagues, uttering infamous things

Famine, Plagu
and Tumults.

things in false Discourses; neither will they be satisfy'd with Riches, but shamefully gather more, and will perish by their acting the Tyrant.

All the Stars will fall which appear beyond the Seas, and those on this side; and a blazing Comet will appear, which Men call a Star, portending great Destruction by Wars that will happen, and Slaughters.

A Comet before
Hilara reigns. May I not live when *Hilara* rules, but when the Heavenly Grace (*Christ*) shall reign, and when the Holy Child shall deliver Men from the Bonds of all Deceivers; when he opens the Abyss, which is pernicious, and Men return suddenly to their wooden

The Bride in the
Revelations. Houses [*in which they dwelt formerly.*]

But when the tenth Generation shall end, the Power of the Woman's Kingdom shall be great, during which God himself shall increase many Evils, when the Woman shall be crown'd and possess a Royal Honour, and all the Year shall be a mild Season; and the Sun, as if running in an obscure Light, shall appear; the Stars shall leave the Heavens, and rushing with a great

The Resurrec-
tion.

Storm, shall waste the Earth. Then shall be the Resurrection of the Dead, the Lame shall run swiftly, and the Deaf hear, and the Blind see, and the Dumb speak; and Provisions shall be common to all, as well as Riches, the Earth shall be equally free to all, not divided by Walls and Fences, but it shall bear more Fruit, and yield Fountains of sweet Wine and white Milk and

The Paradise in
the Millennium.

and Honey : And then shall be the Judgment of the Immortal God. But when
God hath chang'd the Seasons, making the ^{The End of the} World.
Winter Summer, then he will give divine Responses ; —

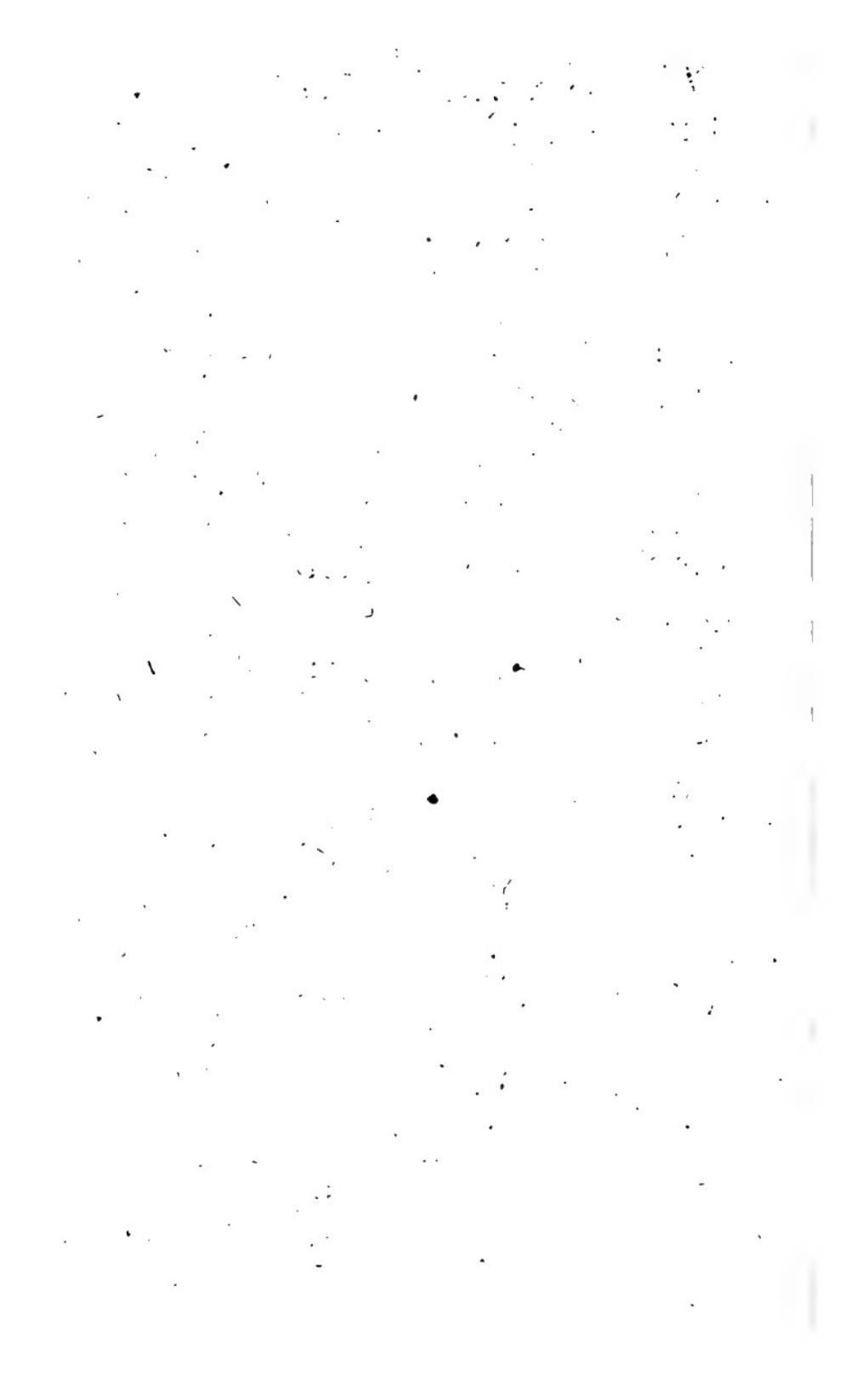
And when he hath destroy'd the World.

Note, I cannot guess what is meant by *Hilara's Reign*, when Wars and Slaughters will prevail ; *Papa Hilarius prophesico spiritu prædictis, an nec scitis inquit intra istos parietes, regnaturum Antichristum* ; but this may be some who pretends to a Papal Authority after the Destruction of *Rome*, and this is the Prince above mention'd, and his Name may be *Hilarius*, which may be corrupted into *Hilara*.

Since this Book is here ended with the Destruction of the World, the Resurrection, and *Millennium*, 'tis a great absurdity to add the Acrostics, and the following Description of Christ, and his Birth, Passion, and Resurrection ; there is enough of these Subjects in the preceeding Books, for these Additions are a Scandal to the Oracles, and have occasion'd Authors to suspect them;

Since this Book uses for the Character of the Turk *Cæsar Matris*, it must be writ by the same Sibyl, who uses that Character in the fourth and and fifth Books : And all these may be writ by the *Cumean* Sibyl, but the three first by the *Erythrean* Sibyl, who does not use that Character ; and these two Sibyls are plainly distinguish'd. The sixth and seventh Books are writ by one Sibyl, but different from the former.

The End of the Sibylline Oracles.



A
C O M P A R I S O N
 Made betwixt the
V I S I O N S in the *Revelations*
 AND THE
P R O P H E C Y S in the *Oracles* :

*By which both will be better understood;
 and by this it will appear, that the same
 History will interpret both.*

TH E Subject of this Chapter is, to shew *Revelat. ch.*
 the Author of the *Revelations*. God
 gave them to Christ, and he sent them by
 his Angel to *John*. These were deliver'd
 by a Voice and a Vision, and he was com-
 manded to write those things which he had
 seen, the things that are, and the things
 which shall be hereafter.

John prays for Grace and Peace from God,
 which *is*, and *was*, and *is to come*. Christ is
 describ'd as the First-begotten of the Dead;

A Comparison between the

and the Prince of the Kings of the Earth.
The Holy Ghost is describ'd by the seven
Spirits which were before the Throne.

*Sibylline
cles.* In the beginning of the Fourth Book the
Author of them is describ'd :

— *Dictata à numine magno :
Non Oracula quidem dantis mendacia Phæbi.*

And in the First Book God is thus describ'd :

*Unus qui solus regnat Deus, unus & idem,
Non genitus, rerum summus, super omnia magnus.*

In the same Book Christ is thus spoke of :

*Tunc ad Mortales veniet, mortalibus ipsis
In terris similis, natus Patris omnipotentis,
Corpore vestitus, —
Sed postquam triduo lucem, repetiverit, —
Cælestia recta subibit.*

Lib. 2. The Sibyls pretend to a Voice, and not to
any Vision :

*Divini canens Vocem subjecit amœnam.
Corpore tota stupens trahor huc, ignara quid ipsa
Eloquar: ipso sed hac mandat deus omnia fari.*

This is the Sibyl's Description of Christ :

*Eterni magnum natum cano pectore ab imo,
Cui solium genitor tribuit supremus habendum,
Nondum progenito, siquidem de Corpore duplex
Exitit ——————
Et igne ex primo, primus Deus. ——————*

Lib. 6.

The

Revelations and the Oracles.

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The Spirit is often mention'd in the Ora- Lib. 7.
cles,

Non nobis miseranda tuum, quem proluit olim.

In Jordane Deym, & volitabat spiritus. —

Thus the Trinity is acknowledg'd by both
Prophecies.

Christ writes to the seven Churches, and Rev. ch. 2, 3
corrects their enormous Opinions and wic-
ked Lives: He reproves the Lasciviousness
of the *Nicolaitans* at *Ephesus*, the Hypocrisie
of the Jews at *Smyrna*, the eating of things
offer'd to Idols at *Pergamos*, the Fornica-
tion of the Prophetess *Jezebel* at *Thyatira*,
the Decay of Christianity at *Sardis*, Luke-
warmness in the *Laodiceans*; but the Pa-
tience of the *Philadelphiaians* is commended.
Christ describes himself in prophetic Phra-
ses, and his Rewards also.

They are full of moral Instructions a- The Sibyllin
against Atheism, Idolatry, Adultery, Sodo- Oracles.
my, Covetousness, Theft, Irreverence to
Parents, breach of Vows, and Perjury.
There are so many of these Corrections,
that I need not collect 'em; and, that these
Evils bring Wars, Plagues, Famines, and
Antichrist upon divers Nations. The Ruin
of *Smyrna*, *Sardis*, *Ephesus*, *Laodicea*, *Perga-*
mos, by Earthquakes, are describ'd in these
Oracles:

Art Ephesi structum Diana nomine fanum
Motibus & vasto subter Mare fides biatu, præceps,
—Heu *Sardis*! heu multum Trallis amara!
Ebeu Laodicea! Urbs pulchra, peribit ergo,
Moribus eversa terra. —

Lib. 5.

A Comparison between the

Apocal. ch. 4. G O D is represented on his Throne, with the four metropolitan Bishops ; the twenty-four Elders are the inferior Clergy, as Governors of the inferior Churches constituted by the Apostles in St. John's time : The Jewish Priests were divided into twenty-four parts.

The Sibylline
Oracles
Proemium. They have not any thing like this Vision, but speak thus of God and his Spirit :

*Non tremitis, summumq; Deum (quo praefide statu)
Non formidatis : qui conspicit omnia testis,
Conditor, omnia qui nutrit, cunctisq; suavem
Indidit afflatum, mortales qui regat omnes,
Unus qui solus regnat Deus, atq; supremus,
Omnipotens, nunquam genitus.*

Rev. ch. 5. C H R I S T is represented as a Lamb slain ; a seal'd Book of Prophecies is deliver'd to him. Here-God the Father is seated in his Throne, the Son is represented by the Lamb, and the Holy Spirit by the seven Spirits, or seven Horns, and Eyes, because of its Power, and Providence, and seven spiritual Gifts.

The Sibylline
Oracles. Concerning Christ's Passion :

*Sed manibus passis commensuris eanta, coronam
De spinis tulerit, necnon latus ejus arundo
Fixerit.*

Lib. 1. The Sibyl attributes all her Prophecies to God :

*Hic mihi verberibus mentem quatit acribus intus,
Ut quæ nunc sunt, & quæ ventura trahuntur,
A primo, undecimum donec jam venerit evum,
Mortali generi referam. Certissima namque
Ipse mihi pandens, narravit cuncta.*

Lib. 4.

Christ

Christ is represented sitting at God's right Hand :

— *Eo venier in nube eternis & ipse Christus ad eternum, magno splendore, bonisq;
Cum genii, solioq; sedebit in alto.*

Here the Lamb opens the Seals ; the four Rev. ch. 6. first are the Visions of the four Emperors, who will destroy the Jews ; 1. *Titus*, 2. *Domitian*, 3. *Trajan*, 4. *Adrian*, who finish'd their Destruction in his War with *Barchochebas*. The fifth Seal shews the Martyrs in a Vision slain, in the three first Persecutions under *Nero*, *Domitian*, and *Trajan*, crying for Vengeance on the Roman Persecutors. The sixth Seal contains the Destruction of many idolatrous Emperors, *Diocletian*, *Licinius*, *Maximinus*, &c. by *Constantine*, in the Day of God's Wrath.

— *Syriam Romanus adibit
Bellator, qui cum delubra cremaverit igni,
Imbuet borrendam multorum cadibus hastam ;
Et Judeorum latos populabitur agros.*

Sibylline C
racles, lib.

This is the Prophecy concerning the Destruction of the Romans :

— *Debinc existent altera regna,
Affidue, Regnis percutibus, usq; prementque
Mortales : sed erit tunc magna ruina, illorum ;
Propterea facinus, quod commiserit nefandum,
Tanta in eas magni deservit ira tonantis.*

Lib. I

Concerning the Martyrs the Sibyl writes thus :

A Comparison between the

*Cæstus enim Christus ponet certamina justa;
Ornabitq; probos, eternaq; præmia reddet,
Tertibus ad mortis certamen cunctibus usque.*

And in the beginning of this Age a Star appear'd like a Crown.

(Rev. ch. 7.) The four Angels holding the four Winds represent the peaceable time of the Church, and freedom from Persecution under Constantine, in which both the converted Jews and Gentiles should be united into one body. The several Tribes must be converted in the places of their dispersion. The great Multitudes are the Gentiles, in white Robes, with Palms in their Hands; these were Martyrs in the past Persecutions: And the greatest of all, Diocletian's, lately past. The Sealing of the Jews, is, their profession of Christianity, which makes them God's Servants, as if they had been mark'd in the Forehead.

yll. Orac. Thus the peaceable time of Constantine is describ'd:

*Pax autem tranquilla Afie gradietur in oris.
Tunc & erit fœlix Europa, —
Nam bona Lex omnis Cæli stellantis ab oris,
— Justitia comitate invisit, & una,
Quæ nibil est homini utilius, concordia sana.
O Felix ceu vir, venies qui tempus ad illud,
Ceu mulier, securæ minore vite.*

Concerning the calling of the Gentiles, this is their Prophecy:

— Cum

*Cum letum liquerit orbi
Pactum Evangelii, cuius de nomine surget
Flore novo germen de gentibus, idque regendum
Magni lege : Soli ducores inde futuri.*

This contains the seventh Seal, with the seven Angels, as Heralds of War, with their Trumpets.

Rev. ch. 8.

The first Trumpet introduces the *Goths*, represented by Hail, because a Northern Nation : Their Cruelty by Blood ; the Destruction of Cities by Fire. The Cities are the Trees, and the Villages the Grass. *Rome* was taken by the *Goths* 410.

The second Trumpet introduces the Piracy of the *Vandals*, and their plundering of *Sicily* and *Rome*, and the Sea-fights and Tempests by which the Ships were destroy'd ann. 442. Those *Vandal* Pyrates infested *Sicily* ann. 456 ; they take *Rome*, burn and plunder it for 14 days.

The third Trumpet introduces the *Huns* into *Italy*, under *Attila*, ann. 453, and he fell upon the midland Cities, *Aquileia*, *Vicentia*, *Verona*, *Milan*, *Ticinum*. He is call'd a Star, because he was a great Commander ; and his Cruelty is represented by Wormwood. The midland Cities are call'd the Rivers and Fountains, because built near them.

The fourth Trumpet brings *Odoacer* into *Italy*, and he forces *Augustulus* to resign his Kingdom, ann. 476. Here the Emperor is the

A Comparison between the

the Sun, the Royal City *Rome* the Moon,
the Stars the lesser Cities.

'Tis noted by Historians, that from the plundering of *Rome* by *Gensericus*, its Power and Majesty decay'd : He plunder'd the Temples, and carried away the Imperial Ornaments, and the consecrated Vessels brought to *Rome* by *Titus*. *Ann. 545, Totila* the Goth took *Rome*, burnt the City, overthrew a third part of the Walls, and carried away the Citizens. The third part of the Sun, is the Glory of the Emperor's Name, which was not us'd in the West for 324 Years. *Odoacer* and his Successors were call'd only *Kings of Italy*. The third part of the Moon, is the third part of the Walls of the City, which were demolish'd : The time of this Desolation was short, and 'tis call'd in the Text, the third part of the Day and Night ; for *Belisarius* in a small time rebuilt *Rome*, and call'd it *Cittisena*.

Sibyl. Orac.

In the Second Book :

Concussor Terræ statuarum franget amorem,
Et Romæ populum, quæ septem continent arces,
Concutiet : dives deleta peribit opum vis
Volcano crebris miscente incendia flammis.

In the 2d Part of the Second Book :

Tres Romam tristi fatorum stamine perdent,
Tuncq; Latinorum non eluctabilis ira :
— Rigidâ pereundum forte, quod Ædem
Æterni magnam graviter violastis, — ergo
Terram istam plenam defunditis esse videbis,
Quas pestisq; famæ, & nuovis impetuamvis,

Lib. 3.

Bel.

Belloq; fuit uerunt atq; implacabilis hostis;
Omnis terra deserta tibi, urbesq; relite.

The fifth Angel sounding, introduces *Mahomet*, who pretended to a Divine Inspiration as well as Civil Power, for which he is call'd *a Star falling from Heaven*. His Doctrin is from the Abyfs, and thence his Followers come, like Locusts in number, and Scorpions in tormenting: They at first persecuted the Jews and Idolaters, but none of the Christians, who are call'd *the Sealed*. The Locusts are describ'd as Warriours, with a King over 'em as mischievous as the Devil: These Locusts are the *Arabians*, because that Creature abounds most there; they were to hurt and torment Men five Months, which reduc'd into Days, is reckon'd 150 Years, taking every Day for a Year; and so long the *Saracens* were in raising the *Arabian Empire*. This is the first Woe.

The sixth Angel sounded, and the four Angels were loosed at the River *Euphrates*; that is, the four Turkish Generals, *Axan*, *Ducas*, *Melec*, and *Cutlumus*; the first possess'd *Persia*, the second *Syria*, the third *Phanicia*, and the last *Asia minor*. These Turks abound in Horsemen, who slew the third part of Mankind, Men fit for War, by their Guns, that is, their Fire, Smoak, and Brimstone. The Causes of these Calamities are mention'd, *Idolatry, Murders, Sorceries,*

Fer-

Rev. ch. 9.

*A Comparison between the
Fornication, Thefts. This is the second
Woe.*

Sibyl. Orac. *Mahomet is call'd Belial in the Second Book:*

*Humanis generis strages & maxima messis
Instat, cum quidam pro vaticis infirmari
Fallaces aderunt, in terris vaticinantes,
Et Belial veniet, facietque insignia multe
Infer mortales. Tunc sancti funditus atque,
Electi fidiisque eversi diripientur,
Necnon Hebraei, quos sevior impetet ira.*

The Turk's coming over Euphrates is thus describ'd :

*Quin olim veniet non expectatus in agros
Faëlices Asie, bumeros induitus amictu;
Purpureo, crudelis bono, importunus & ardens:
Fulmine quippe cucus fuit ille vir ante; jugumq;
Durum Asiam totam premet, & madefacta cruentum
Terra bibet multum —*

Lib. 5. *Diluvium immissum Euphratis fluminis undae,
Et Persas perdent, & Iberos, & Babylonias.*

Lib. 3. *Ex Augustinis autem, volventibus annis,
Advenies Belial —
Multaq; signa faciet mortalibus,
At non vera, sed error ibi suberit,
Fallentq; sequentes, fidos, electos Hebraeos, lege ca-
rentes,
Atq; alias, nondum quibus est audita Dei mens.*

Rev. ch. 10. The Angel whose Face is like the Sun, and Feet like Fire, is the Son of God, describ'd so in the first Chapter. The little Book is open : 'Tis call'd a little Book, because the seven seal'd Volumes are taken out of it ; and now it remains open.

The

The Destruction of the *Jews* and *Romans*,
the Establishment of the Church under *Con-*
stantine, and the six Invasions, being related
fully by St. John, which before were very
obscurely intimated and seal'd up, that
which is contain'd in the little Book is, the
continuation of the History of the *Saracens*
and *Turks*, who are the Eastern Antichrist,
who must make War with the Saints: And
the third Woe is the Rise of the Papacy,
who will do the same. And in this Book
the Destruction of *Rome* in the West, of the *Saracens* and *Turks* in the East, is describ'd,
and all introduc'd by the seventh Trumpet. *An.*
Saporis II. mar-
Yr'd 250 Bishops
took Jerusalem,
and in Syria
murder'd 300000
Christians.
Cosroes ad
309, took Jerusalen,
and in Syria
murder'd 300000
Christians.
And many of these things were reveal'd to
the *Jews* by former Prophets, in short De-
scriptions, and to the *Gentiles* by the Sibyls;
such is Antichrist and his Destruction by
Fire, the Return of the *Jews*, the Judgment,
the Kingdom of the Saints in the *Millen-*
nium, and the Burning of the World.
These things St.
John was com-
manded not to
write in his Pro-
phicies; as it
seems probable.

The Temple of God is measur'd, with Rev. ch. 11.
the Altar and Worshippers, but the Measure
is not set down: This is the Temple of the
Sepulchre, which has continuall ever since
Constantine's days; and the Court is to be
left to the *Gentiles*, which they shall tread
down 42 Months. These *Gentiles* are the
Saracens and *Turks*, whose Kingdom must
last 1260 Days (i.e. Years). This Year
1713 is the 1125 Hegira; and the *Saracen*
Empire began from the flight of *Mahomet*
from *Mecca*, in the Christian *Aera*, 622; to
Note, The Turks
are often call'd
Gentiles in the
Oracles.
which

which if we add 1260 Years, made of the Days in 42 Months, it will be 1882, when that Empire must fall; and sooner, if we reckon by the Hegira's. This reckoning is by Months, and therefore it must be by the Mahometan Years.

The two Witnesses must prophesie 1260 Days, which must be reckon'd by Christian Years, during which time they must be in Sackcloth, i. e. persecuted or oppress'd by the Saracens and Turks, and Jerusalem trod under foot. We must reckon this time from the taking of Jerusalem by Omar, in 638; to which add 1260, the sum will be 1898; till that time Jerusalem must be in the hands of those Gentiles, tho' the Empire sink somewhat sooner.

The two Witnesses are, the two Churches, Antioch and Alexandria: Antioch was taken by the Saracens, 641; to which add 1260, the end of their Sackcloth and Prophecy will be 1901.

After this time the Beast, which is the Turk, (the Saracen being destroy'd before 1300) shall make War with them for three years and a half, and conquer them in Grand Caire in Egypt, whither the Alexandrian Patriarch is remov'd; and in Jerusalem, where our Lord was crucified; but afterward the Witnesses shall live and ascend into Heaven, that is, shall conquer the Turk, or be receiv'd into the Millennium.

Note. That the second Woe is now past, therefore it comprehends all the Miseries the Christians must

must suffer by the *Saracens* and *Turks*, to the end of the World.

The third Woe is contain'd under the seventh Trumpet, and this relates to the Western Church, as the second did to the Eastern, from *Mabomet's* time. This seventh Trumpet must begin with the Rise of the Papacy ; as will be declar'd in the next Chapter.

The Rise of the *Saracens* and *Turks* is declar'd under the fifth and sixth Trumpet ; and this Eleventh Chapter is their Conquests of *Jerusalem*, *Antioch*, *Alexandria*, and an account of the ill state of the Greek Church till the *Millennium*. These two Witnesses, or Patriarchal Churches, are call'd Candlesticks, which are in prophetic stile Churches, as the seven Churches are so call'd : These Witnesses have power to destroy their Enemies by Fire out of their Mouths, to hinder Rain, to turn Water into Blood, and to smite the Earth with all manner of Plagues. These miraculous Powers are the seven Vials, which the Angels will pour on the *Turkish* Empire before the last War, in the tenth Chapter, when they will be destroy'd by Christ.

The *Saracens* are *Ishmaelites*, born of *Ha Sibyl. Oraegar, Abraham's Concubine* :

— *Europe magnus dolor exorietur,*
Saturni de gente nobis, servisq; creatis.
Illa etiam firmam Babylonam domabit,
Nec drindo vagos compascit lege nepotes.

Lib. 3.

The

*A Comparison between the**The Saracens conquer Alexandria:*

*Te quoq; Alexandra alrix celebris non cessabit
bellum;*
Vastabitque tuam terram-Vir possimus omnem;
Sanguineque inficiet, diris & cædibus aræ,
Barbarus, Inmonis, rabis demente tremendas;
Plorabitque tuis Afia omnia compa venustis;
Turpe caput donis, ad terram prona caddendo.
Sed cum terribilis multum dirusque valebit,
Zamq; beatorum veniet populetur ut arbem.

A Description of the Turks Conquests:

Tota Afia igne ardens equor stillabit adusq;
Bithynii patriæ flebunt incendia terræ,
Et Syriae magnæ, Phœnicesq; arbore crebre;
Barbara gens ab eo Pontus Taurique peribunt,
Et Lapithas ad humum prostratas dispoliabit.

The full Account of this last War will be in
the 19th Chapter: for after the second Woe
(v. 14.) the 12th Chapter ought to begin.

Rev. ch. 11,
which ought
to be ch. 12,
ver. 15.

The seventh Trumpet sounded. The
Kingdoms of the World are become the
Kingdoms of Christ, and he shall reign for
ever; that is, all the West of the Roman
Empire, or the greatest part, are now con-
verted to Christianity, and so will continue
till the Judgment and Reward in the Mil-
lennium, and till they were destroy'd who
destroy'd the Earth. Thus the continuance
of the seventh Trumpet is stated, but this
chiefly respects the Affairs of the Church in
the West, which must begin with the Papa-
cy, 606. In the 19th Verse, the Temple of
God was open'd in Heaven, with Thunders,
Earthquakes, and great Hail; these must pre-
cede

precede the History of the Temple's being open'd, as the Scene of the next Chapter.

The Hail is the *Lombards* coming into Rev. ch. 12, a
Italy, A. D. 572 : They being a Northern
Nation, in 589 they besieg'd Rome, but were
drove from it by great Rains and Inunda-
tions ; and there was a Plague, and Famine
and Locusts in 590, and in 594 a Comet.
All these Prodigies, and the Conquest of
Lombardy, preceeded the Rise of the Pa-
pacy.

The Wonder in Heaven, is the Papacy ; the Woman is the Church, cloath'd with the Sun, that is the Imperial Power ; and the Moon under her Feet, that is *Rome*, the Seat of the Empire, and upon her Head a Crown of twelve Stars. In 606, *Phacax* made the Pope Head of all Churches, which is represented by the Crown with twelve Stars, or twelve Apostles. This is the beginning of the third Woe. And the History of the Church or Woman, which was past from its first Constitution, is related : She brought forth a good sort of Christians, which the Devil destroy'd by seven persecuting Emperors, which are his seven Heads crown'd ; his ten Horns are the ten Kingdoms set up before the Papacy assum'd the Title of Christ's Universal Vicar. The Devil is the red Dragon, who destroy'd the third part of the Stars, or Governours of the Church, by Martyrdoms. The Child brought forth was Christ, or the Christians, who are to rule all Nations with an Iron

Rod. The Woman, for assuming this Imperial and Spiritual Power, is drove into the Wilderness, (that is, made desolate by Wars) and so must continue 1200 Days, which being reckon'd as Years, and added to 606, when the Papacy began, the time of its Fall will be 1866: So long it must stand in its Corruption, and then continue in Civil Wars till the Turk destroys her at last. The War betwixt Michael and the Dragon, is the War betwixt Constantine and the Heathen Emperor, in which they were overcome, and Christian Emperors succeeded: This is the casting out of the old Serpent, which deceiv'd the Roman Emperors by his Oracles, and their Authority he us'd in the Persecutions; but now is come the Kingdom of God, and the Power of Christ, the Emperors being Christians. Then the Devil persecuted the Woman with a Flood of Water, (*i. e.* many Sects and Heresies) or the Northern Nations, all which the Earth swallow'd up, (that is, they sunk, and perish'd by degrees of themselves) and then he made work with the Christians.

Sibyl. Orac.

Lib. 3.

The Church is a Woman:

*Tunc autem dividus manibus mulierib[us] omni:
In rerum summa pectus, siisque vegetus,*

Lib. 5.

The Pope in his new Empire:

*Magnus Rex magnas Roma, similiq[ue] deo vir,
Miles qui duci modulante curvare fundens.*

The

The Miseries of Italy:

*Italia, haud sibi res cum extremo Mater futura est;
Sed te civitatis dicta miserabile sanguis affligeret.
Nec ta blanda bonae Mater, sed latte forebis
Altrix seva feris.*

In this is represented the Saracen Empire Rev. ch. 13. in its full state; but this Beast comprehends all the Parts of the Roman Empire, and its Changes introduc'd by the seven Trumpets, 1. the Goths, 2. the Vandals, 3. the Huns, 4. the Saracens, 5. the Turk, 6. the Pope, 7. the Eastern Emperors.

The Beast is describ'd like a Leopard, by which the Kingdom of Greece is describ'd by Daniel; this is the Constantinopolitan Emperor. The Feet of the Bear signify Persia, where the Turks were come. The Mouth of the Lyon signifies Assyria, where the Saracens were, at Bagdad. The seven Heads represent Rome, which is seated on seven Mountains. The ten Horns are the ten Western Kingdoms, which had ten crown'd Princes. On the seven Hills the Pope sits, who has blasphem'd Christ, by assuming his Power over all Churches.

The Eastern Parts of the Russian Empire were under the Saracens, Turks, and Constantinopolitan Emperor, and are here farther describ'd as one Beast.

The other Parts of the Beast, the ten Horns, and the Pope, are describ'd in the 17th Chapter by themselves, under the notion of the Woman riding on the scarlet

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Beast with ten Horns ; therefore there will be two Beasts, one in the West, and another distinct in the East, which is farther here describ'd, to whom the Devil gave his Power, Seat, and Authority.

One of these Heads or Parts of the Beast was wounded ; that is, the *Saracens* in the Siege of *Constantinople* were near overthrown, ann. 720, but they after recover'd, and rais'd a great Empire in *Babylon*, *Egypt*, *Barbary*, *Spain*, and in some parts of *Italy* and *France*, and the *Mediterranean Isles*, and their Empire came to its height in less than 200 Years ; and the 42 Months of its continuance must be reckon'd from 622, *Mahomet's* time, who founded it : And it must comprehend the second Beast, the *Turk*, after mention'd, because he is his Image both in Religion and Tyranny.

This *Saracen* Beast spake Blasphemy, &c. denying Christ to be God's Son ; and he must conquer the Saints, the Christians in *Syria*, *Palestine*, *Egypt* ; but these *Saracens* shall be led into Captivity, and slain, by the Christians, *Turks*, and *Tartars*, in the Holy War, and after it.

The second Beast rising out of the Earth, had the two Horns of a Lamb, because the *Turks* were Herds-men, and came from *Scythia*, and he spoke as a Dragon, (that is, tyranniz'd as the *Saracens* did, who were Dragons in *Arabia*, as *Esdras* calls 'em) and the *Turk* becoming a *Mabonstan*, and seizing their Empire, he caus'd all People to worship

ship (*i. e.* become subject to) the *Mahometan* or *Saracen* Empire, whose deadly Wound was heal'd, tho' the *Saracens* were slain. The *Mahometan* Enpire wa's supported by the *Turks*, and *Mahomet*'s Religion follow'd by all People, whom he at first deceiv'd by his Miracles : He pretended to make Fire come from Heaven, which is mention'd in his Alcoran to be Thunder, which destroy'd a Village. The Image made to the first Beast is the same Tyranny and Religion set up by the *Turk* as *Mahomet* us'd amongst his *Saracens*, and he forc'd all to profess that Religion and wear Turbants, as true *Musel-men*. The Mark in the right Hand is the Mark of Soldiers, or the Profession of their Creed, that *there is one God, and Mahomet his Prophet*. The number of the Man who set up Government is 666 ; that is the Year of the beginning of this Empire, if we reckon by the *Aera* made by *Julius Cesar*, which is 44 or 45 Years before Christ ; and add 622, the Christian Reckoning, when *Mahomet* fled from *Mecca*, and his Hegira will begin 666, if we reckon nicely ; for *Erasmus Rheinboldus* affirms, that the Hegira began in 621, and 195 Days : And the numeral Letters in *Mahomet*'s Greek Name make near the same number, but the numbers of his Arabic Name ought chiefly to be consider'd, which I hope they will do who understand that Language.

As an Account is given both of the Rise of the *Saracens* and *Turks*, in Chap. 9, so

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both are joyn'd together in Chap. 13, and in the continuance of both 42 Months, the Lunar Years both the Saracens and Turks use, and both reckon by their Hegira, which is reckon'd from Mahomet's Flight.

Sibyl. Orac. The coming of the Turks into Syria :

Lib. 5.

*Ausfugiet Babylone malus Rex horribilisque,
Quem male mortales omnes odere, bonique,
Sustulit & templum Divinitus edificatum,
Et cives igni combusit — —
Hoc enim tremuit rerum natura creato,
Et reges periere :
Perdiderunt magnamq; urbem, populumq; bonorum
Purpurea stirpis patrem excindendo ferocem,
Cornibus ex densis, aliam plantam seret indo,
Et tunc agnoscens coru regnabit.*

Lib. 3.

The Turks conquer Greece :

*Barbara gens vero omnium Graecos adorietur,
Multa quidem capita extirpabit letitia virorum.*

The Turks must continue in Greece till the end of the World :

*Sed tamen Impia stirps hominum illuc usq; vigebit,
Dum finem hoc capiat tempus fatale diesque.*

I must observe, that the Beast in this Chapter is Antichrist, as he is describ'd in Daniel ; makes War with the Saints, and speaks Blasphemies ; and that the Pope, in the description of this Beast, is made part of him ; but nothing farther is mention'd in this Chapter concerning the Pope, nor in the succeeding, till the 17th and 18th Chapters ; all before relates to the Saracens and Turks Destruction, the Reformation, and Re-

Return of the Jews. In the beginning of the third Book the Sibyl joyns the Account of Antichrist and the Woman's reign, and the Fall of both at the end of the World.

At the same time the Turkish Power rose in the East : In the Eleventh Century the Pope came to a full Power, or height of the Papacy, under *Gregory the Seventh*, 1073, and the following Popes had Wars with the Emperors for 200 Years.

The Lamb appears with 144000, his first Fruits, redeem'd from among Men ; these sang a new Song, these follow Christ in Heaven : This shews the Reward of the Martyrs. The next Angel brings the everlasting Gospel, that is, the Reformation from worshiping Saints and their Idol-Statues, to worship him that made Heaven and Earth.

And there follow'd another Angel, saying, *Babylon is fallen*.

The third Angel threatens those that worship the Beast and his Image, with Torments by Fire and Brimstone. At this time *Babylon* was the Seat of the Saracen Caliphs, who were conquer'd by *Tangrolopix* after his Conquest of *Perſia*, in 1030 ; and the *Tartars* utterly destroy'd the Caliph in 1260, under *Haalon*.

The Son of God appears with a Siecle to reap the Harvest, that is, to destroy the Saracens in *Perſia*, *Syria*, *Asia minor*, by the Holy War, and by the *Tartars*. The Grapes

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were cut with the Siecle ; that is, many Saracens slain in Italy, France, Spain, in which Countries Wines abound ; but the greatest Massacre of them was made in the West. These Angels came out of the Temple. These Slaughters were made by the Christian Princes, and the Tartars were Christians.

Ibyl. Orac. The Posterity of Seleucus held Babylon till Lib. 5. the Parthians seiz'd it, and they had many Wars with the Romans. Trajan made some Conquests of it, but Adrian neglected it, and confin'd the Roman Empire within Euphrates. The Saracens took Babylon and Persia, and held a Caliphate in it 500 Years.

The Turks take Persia and Babylon :

Et Persas perdent & Iberos & Babylona.

The Holy War with the Saracens and Turks :

— *Rex cissis missus divinitus illi,
Ipse ex occasu saltu veloce volabit,
Terram desolans, & vastans funditus omnem.*

The coming of the Tartars :

*Sed cum terribili multum dirusque valebit,
Namque beatum veniet populetur ut urbem :
Rex quidam fortis missus divinitus illi,
Omnes exscindet magnos regesq; virosque.
Deq; polo veniet fidus magnum in mare magnum :
Altumque exuret pontum, atq; ipsam Babylonem.*

The Tartars, joyn'd with the Armenians, overthrew 100000 Babylonians.

Babylon was not burnt by Cyrus or Alexander, but decay'd under the Grecians, who

remov'd the People to Seleucia ; therefore this Destruction of Babylon is Bagdat, and not Rome. The Sibylline Oracles always distinguish the Fate of Babylon and Rome, for they never call Rome Babylon. And the present Bagdat was built by the Persians or Turks, near Babylon, and must fall by an Earthquake at last.

The seven Angels with the seven Vials Rev. ch. 15. appear ; They who had got the Victory over the Beast stood on the Sea of Glass mingled with Fire, singing the Song of Moses ; the Jews are the Persons here describ'd, who had been long try'd under the Tyranny of the Turk : They sing Moses's Song upon their return into their Country.

The Sibyl mentions the Jews Song : Lib. 3.

Tunc dulci incipient meditari carmine laudes,
Et modulata sacris dicent tibi carmina linguis, Lib. 5.
Omnigenisq; deo sacris, precibusq; litabunt.

The Tabernacle is open'd in Heaven, and the seven Angels came out of the Temple ; one of the four Beasts gave them the Vials. 'Tis plain, by the Sibylline Ofacles, that the Return of the Jews must succeed the Reformation, and be before the Fall of Rome and that of the Turkish Empire. The Design of the Vials, is the Destruction of the Turkish Empire, and the Return of the Jews begins with the first Vial.

Rev. ch. 16. The first Vial brought a grievous Sore upon them that worship'd the Beast; this must be a Plague, and the Sibyls joyn it with the Return of the Jews:

- Orac. lib. 3. *Tum quoniam mortales omnes petet extititis
Pestis, & horribili panarum strage preventis.
Et tunc sole deus regem demittere ab alto,
Qui totam terram diris recreabit ab armis;
Occisis aliis, aliis in fædera junctis,
Atq; iterum magni florebit amata dei gens.
Tristem audi famam, pestis mortalibus atrox.
Verum cum bellis jam Persica terra carebit,
Et peste & gemitu, tum ille tempore viveret,
Judeum diuin genus, ———
Qui terræ medias habebant finibus urbem.*
- Lib. 4.

The second Angel poured his Vial on the Sea, and it became as the Blood of a dead Man: and every living Soul died in the Sea.

- Orac. lib. 5. *Perro siccus erit postrema tempore Pontus,
Tum nec in Italiam vadent per cœrula naves,
Tunc Afia ferax rerum redigetur in undas.*

This dryness of the Sea may kill all the Creatures, or Fish, in it:

———— *Innumerum flebit gens dura sub orbis
Occidit finem ne rursum ascendere possit,
Oceani remanens ut perfundatur ab undis.*

If this Plague upon the Sea must relate to the Turks, I find no History so fit to apply to it as the Slaughter of the Thracians by the Tartars;

Ocea-

*Oceanusque (malum 5) fluvia fundens rubebit
Sanguine fluidarum, revolutaque corpora merget.*

But 'tis most probable that the fiery Showre
and Earthquakes kill'd all the Fish in the
Sea, and made it like Blood.

The third Angel pour'd out his Vial on the Rivers and Fountains, and they became Blood. Rev. ver. 4.
This must signify the Wars and Slaughters
in the inland Countries, where the Rivers
and Water are.

The *Affyrians* shall invade *Thrace*: Orac. lib. 5.
Hellestante ebeti vastabunt Affyrii te.

The King of *Egypt* shall invade *Macedonia*:

*Rexque Macedonios Aegypti depopulabit,
In Pisidie Lydi, Galatæ, Pamphyliique omni
Cum populo armati certamen triste tenebunt.*

The fourth Angel poured his Vial on the Sun, Rev. ver. 8.
and power was given him to scorch Men with
Fire:

*Igneus existet verò de nubibus Aether,
Nec jam hominas pulchras carpent telluris aristas;* Orac. lib. 5.
*Nec satio prorsum fiet, nec aratio, —
Tum Deus indignans aeternus, in ethere degens,
Fulmine præcipites sceleratos desuper uret;
Proque byennis glacie fiet tunc temporis astas.*

The fifth Angel poured his Vial on the Seat Rev. ver. 10
of the Beast, and his Kingdom was full of dark-
ness:

Jam

Orac. lib. 5. *Jam non existent flammantis lumina Satis,
Luminis nec claro splendebit Luna deinceps.
Cum Deus extremo regnabit tempore, verum
Omnia per terras caligo nigra tenebit.*

Rev. ver. 12. *And the sixth Angel poured out his Vial on
the River Euphrates, and the Water was dry'd
up, that the way of the Kings of the East might
be prepar'd.*

Ver. 13. The three unclean Spirits are coming,
1. *out of the Mouth of the Dragon*, (i. e. his
Reason for this War is, the destruction of
Mankind by Conquest :) 2. *out of the Mouth
of the Beast* (the defence of his Empire):
3. *out of the Mouth of the false Prophet*, (the
propagation of his Religion.)

Ver. 15. *Behold, I come as a Thief.* This is the Char-
acter of this War; they are gather'd into
a place call'd *Armageddon* in the Hebrew:

Orac. lib. 5. *Sub Lune finem postremo tempore bellum
Ingruet insanum, fallax, & infidiosum.*

'Tis call'd in the Greek *επικλεπτος*, or thievish;
i. e. coming as a Thief.

Thus are the Kings of the East describ'd:

*Matris & occisor quidam de finibus orbis
Vir fugiens veniet, spirans immanc fremensque,
Omnes qui terras vastabit, & omnia vincet:
Et multos homines perdet, magnosq; tyrannos;
Exuretq; omnes, alias faciebat ut olim.*

This is his Conquest of the Turks, who
are here aim'd at, as we may understand by
these words, *sub Luna finem*, for they have
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the Halfmoon in their Banners. The Prudence of this Prince is commended, for taking away the Cause of many Mischiefs that had befalln him ; this may be the change of his Religion.

*Ante homines omnes prudenter cuncta videbit ;
Propter quam periit, & protinus auferat ipsam.*

He will assist and raise his Friends :

Rursus & attoller collapsos amulus idem.

The three Reasons of this War are, 1. Conquest, 2. Religion, 3. Assistance of Friends, And these are the three *Frogs*, or Reasons, that gather'd the Kings of the Earth (*i. e.* the Turk and this Eastern Prince) to the Battel of the great Day of God, which must be in the East, at *Armageddon*. This Prince must come *de finibus orbis*, which the *Revelations* call the East ; and this may be the Cham of *Tartary*, or *Persian Sophi*, or the *Mogul*.

The seventh Angel poured out his Vial into Rev. ver. 17. the Air, and the Voice said, 'Tis done. And there was an Earthquake, such as was not since Men were on the Earth, and the great City was divided into three parts : and the Cities of the Nations fell, and great Babylon came in remembrance before God. Therefore this great City is Babylon.

The Fall of Babylon by an Earthquake : Orac. lib. 5.

*Ebeu te Babylon ! solium aurea, & aurea plantas,
Urbs olim magna & celebris, non amplius aureis*

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*A Comparison between the**Mombris Espritis ligatae resideas ad utilia.*

Thus we know this Babylon is not Rome.

The Cities of the Nations shall fall:

—*Heu Sardis! heu multum Trallis! amena,
Ebeu Leodion! urbs palitra, peribitis ergo,
Motibus eversa terra palvisq; redacta.
Aet Ephesi structum Diana nomine fanum,
Motibus & vaflo sub mare fidel biaru, præteps:*

Cuma, Lesbos, Corcyra, Hieræ, Tripoly, these will fall by Earthquakes, but these Earthquakes are plac'd before the Fall of *Rome*; and because nothing answers them in the *Revelations*, I have plac'd 'em here; tho', I guess, these Earthquakes might alter the colour of the Sea, as well as throw down the maritime Towns, and so belong to the second Vial, where the Fish are kill'd.

And every Island fled away, and the Mountains were not found.

Dtac. lib. 5.

*Porro siccus erit postremo tempore Pontus.
Tunc Asia illa ferax rerum redigetur in undas,
Cretaq; campus erit, fetet & mala trifolia, Cy-
prus, & Paphus,
Spoddanoy, Tyrus, moreatis plumbis agri,
Phoenice gressu tra tibi est pectura ruinant.*

The Earthquakes would alter the Sea, make an Inundation in *Asia*, and lay the rest of the Sea dry in the West.

The airy Plague is the Earthquakes, the next is the Hail, and then all the Plagues are over, except the final Destruction, which

which is refey'd for the 19th Chapter in
the *Revelations*.

The Fall of *Rome* in the Oracles is before
the Earthquakes, therefore 'tis probable
that 'tis to be plac'd before it, tho' related
after it in the *Revelations*, and 'tis joyn'd
with the Ruin of the Islands :

*Roma ruit, Delos nonquam delecta parcit
Ficit arena Samos.*

This describes the Judgment of the great *Rev. ch. 17.*
Whore, or Pope, of the Western Church;
for the Church is represented by a Woman
Chap. 12, a corrupt idolatrous Church by a
Whore. This Woman is seen in the Wilder-
ness, and therefore is the same as wore
the Crown in the 12th Chapter : She is full
of blasphemous Names, Christ's Vicar, Head
of all Churches, a Temporal Prince as well as a
Spiritual; she rides on the scarlet Beast, the
Emperors of Germany; and to this Beast
belong the ten Horns, into which the Ro-
man Western Empire was divided. The
Woman is array'd in Purple and Scarlet, as
a Princess, and deck'd with Gold and pre-
cious Stones; the Kings of the Earth have
committed Fornication with her, and she
has a Cup in her Hand full of Abomination,
and upon her Forehead *Mystery Babylon the*
Great, the Mother of Harlots. By Fornication
is understood Idolatry by the Prophets, and
the Pope made the Western Princes drunk
with the Wine of his Fornication; that is,
taught 'em to worship Saints, Images, Re-
licks.

The Wilder-
ness is *Italy,*
according t
the Orac. i.
*Italia, infæ
deseria,*
— *in saltum*
*Sylvamque r
datus.*

licks. She was drunk with the Blood of the Saints and *Martyrs of Jesus*; i. e. the Protestants, whom she persecuted because they reform'd this corrupt Worship. The Angel interprets all this Vision, *The Beast was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless Pit, and go into Perdition.* The seven Heads are seven Mountains, on which the Woman sitteth; the Waters are multitudes of People; the Woman is the great City which reigneth over the Kings of the Earth. Mystery and Babylon shew she is the Spiritual Babylon, but Babylon mention'd above is the Eastern Babylon, Bagdat, conquer'd first by Tangrotopix the Turk, and after by the Tartar.

The Beast was, and is not, and yet is. This Beast is the Western Emperor, reviv'd after 324 Years by the Popes; he was formerly, but was not in the interval mention'd, but is now restor'd by the Papal Power to the Empire of the West, *ann. 800.* There are seven Kings, five are fallen, which are these:

A.D.		Reign'd Years
800	<i>Charles the Great</i>	14
814	<i>Lewis the Godly</i>	26
840	<i>Lotharius, Son to Lewis</i>	15
855	<i>Lewis, second Son to Lotharius,</i>	19
875	<i>Charles the Bald, Son of Lewis,</i>	2
	This is he that is.	
878	<i>Ludovicus Balbus, Son of Lewis,</i>	1
	This is the other to come, who must continue a small time.	
880	<i>Carols Crassus, who was depos'd,</i>	2
	These	

These are the seven French Emperors set up by the Popes, and the Beast that was, and is not, is the eighth.

In 888 *Arnulphus*, the German Emperor set up the Pope, reign'd twelve Years, and then the Pope transferr'd the Empire to the *Germans*. This proves the Empetor of *Germany* to be the Western Beast in Scarlet, on whom the Pope rides ; and he is of the seven, (*i. e.* he was of the same *Caroline Family* as the other were) and at the end of the World must go into Perdition : He ascended out of the bottomless Pit, was to serve the Devil's design in Persecutions, and the Empire was rais'd by the Popes. All the ten Western Kingdoms joyn'd their Power with the Beast, or Emperor, in making War with the Lamb and his Faithful and Chosen, but the Lamb shall overcome them.

The *ten Horns* are ten Kings, which have receiv'd as yet no Power, but shall receive Power, for a while with the Beast to persecute *Protestants* ; that is, they shall make ten Persecutions against them, as well as the Beast or Emperor, with whom for that end they are confederate ; but the ten Western Kingdoms shall hate the Whore, make her desolate, burn her with Fire, eat her Flesh, destroy her Revenues. The ten persecuting Kings are of *France*, *Spain*, *England*, *Germany*, &c.

Sibyl. Orac. This is the Description of the Rise of the
Western Empire :

*Ex illo sextâ defuncti etate latini
Reges postremum vivent, & sceptra relinquunt.
In gentem sed Rex aliud regnabit eandem,
Qui subigat terras omnes.—
Succederet ejus stirps inconcussa nepotum.*

The Pope is thus describ'd :
Magnæ Rex magnus Roma, similisq; deo vir.

He has a divine original Commission :
Jupiter ut perhibent, quem de Jano craquit.

Lib. 5. His Persecution is thus express'd :

*— Perdet multos miseramq; parentem.
Matrum cæsores animos cobibere feroce,
Audaceisque manus.—*

The Destruction of the Papacy will be
thus represented, by its being a Widow :

Lib. 3. *Cum vero vidua in totum regnaverit orbem,
Aurum, argentum hominum, quen vita caduca est,
Ferrumq; esque mari saltas jactarit in undas:
Omnia tunc mundo viduata elementa jacebunt,
Judiciumq; Dei magni, magnumq; sub eorum
In medium veniet.*

By this 'tis evident, that the Papacy must
last to the end of the World, and that the
Whore in the Revelations is call'd by the Ora-
cles a Widow :

Lib. 5. *At nunc quidam rex ignobilis atq; scelestus,
Prestantum numero magno comitate virorum,
Venit, & hanc prostravit, & inextinctamque
reliquit;
Nec dum tale fuit signum mortalibus ullum,
Ut magnam urbem alii videantur diripiisse.*

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The same Destruction of *Rome* by the Turks is repeated in Book 9.

This introduces an Angel very glorious, sent to acquaint the Earth with the Fall of Spiritual Babylon, (*i. e.* Rome) for her Fornication, or Idolatry: A Voice from Heaven says, *Come out of her my People, that you be not partakers of her Sins, and that you receive not of her Plagues: reward her as she rewarded you, and double unto her double, according to her Works.* She saith, *I sit a Queen, and am no Widow, and shall see no sorrow; therefore shall her Plagues come in one Day, Death, and Mourning, and Famine; and she shall be burnt with Fire.*

The Destruction of *Rome* is poetically describ'd by the Lamentation of Kings, Merchants, Sailors; the Apostles and Prophets must rejoice, because God hath aveng'd them on her, for *in her was found the Blood of Prophets and Saints.* By this 'tis intimated St. Peter and St. Paul suffer'd in this Roman Babylon. The glorious Angel with Light enlightned the Earth (*i. e.* the first Reformers began the Reformation) in the 12th Century, and 'tis mention'd in Chap. 14. but now there appears a clearer discovery of *Rome's* Fornication, by the Protestants in the 16th Century, and then a Voice from Heaven plainly call'd God's People to come out of her Communion:

*Tunc hominum surget tandem gens sacra piorum,
Qui praecepit Dei intransigentes mente supremi,*

Sibyl. Orac.
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*Eius honorabunt casto libamine templum.
Nec vero vanis erroribus ulla labora
Humani monumenta colunt ;
Tumq; genu flectent album regiq; deoq;
Et fabrefacta manu confident omnia flammis.*

This is an evident Description of the Reformation, which must be at the time *Selimus* took *Egypt*, and before the Return of the *Jews* is describ'd.

Lib. 3.

This is the boasting of *Rome*:

*Sola (inquis) ego sum, non sum superabilis ulli :
Sola scelest a mane, & flagrantibus indita flammis,
Excindere, tuesq; quod unquam cumq; patrasti,
Tuque triumphus eris mundo, tu dedecus orbis.*

Lib. 8.

The Lord God reigneth, and then is the Marriage-Supper of the Lamb to his Bride the Church.

Rev. ch. 19.
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Oracles.

*Gesti, leta puella, tibi nam gaudia semper
Duratura dedit celi terraq; creator,
In te habitaturum, tibi lux eterna manebit.*

The Government of Christ succeeds the Destruction of *Rome*:

*Tunc sceptrum castus rex totius orbis habebit
Perpetuo, in vitam revocatis lumine cassis,
Romaq; sublimi peraget tum tristia fata,
Hoc autem cunctis humanis fine peribunt.*

Ver. 11.

Christ rides on a white Horse, the Armies in Heaven follow him, the Man in the Sun calls the Birds to the Supper of the great God, to eat the Flesh of Kings and mighty Men; the Beast, and the Kings of the Earth, were gather'd to make War with

with Christ and his Army ; the Beast, which is the Turk, was taken, with his Mufti, and they with their Muselman were cast into a Lake of Fire buring with Brimstone, the rest slain with the Sword, and the Fowls were fill'd with their Flesh.

*Atq; Macedonia stolidabit Biliis in arvā.
Auxilium occasūs querens, regiq; ruinam,
Infaustiq; solum bello replebitur ejus,
Inq; homines ignis de cœli depluet orn,
Ignis, sanguis, aquæ, fulmen, nox ætheris atra,
Et reges omnes perdet simul, eximioque :
Sic belli exitium capiet miserabile finem ;
Sed sapiens populus gaudebit pace superfites.*

Sibyll. Ora
lib. 2.

I observe, that this will be the last War between the Ottomans and Christians ; their King will be destroy'd in Macedonia by a Fire from Heaven ; the *Auxilium occasus* must be from the Christians, and after this War there will be no more, but a Peace in the Millennium. This is plac'd before the Destruction of *Rome* in the Oracles, and the reason is, because the preceding History related all to the *Turks*, and therefore the remaining *Macedonian War* was added to it before the Sibyl relates the Fate of the West ; for it must be observ'd all-along, that the Sibyls distinguish the Fates of the East and West, and therefore some of their Histories may be contemporary. The Man in the Sun may be *Elias Thesbites*, who is to come at the end of the World.

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*Sibyl. Orac.
ib. 2.*

*Tunc quoq; celesti curru deuelum inibit
De celo Thesbites, ——
Tunc ardens fluvius celo mitterebit ab alto.*

Lib. 3.

*— Terraq; petet flammata potestas.
Inflata exuret Belier, hominesq; superbos.*

The *Thesbites* comes to shew *Signa trina*
Ostendet toti mundo vita pereuntia, and these
are, two Comets, a general Darkness, and a
flaming River, which is intimated by the
Lake of Fire in the *Revelations*.

Rev. ver. 21.

*And the remnant were slain with the Sword
of him that sat upon the Horse, which procee-
ded out of his Mouth, and all the Fowls were
fill'd with their Flesh.*

The last Destruction of the *Turks* in
Thrace is thus represented by the Invasion
of the *Tartars*, which they usually make in
the Winter :

*Hinc postquam Hybernis nivibus jam deflact aer;
Et frigidi ingentes, & maxima stagna rigescunt,
Protinus invadent Asia oras barbarica turba,
Et duros perdent, quasi sint sine labore Thraces,
Præbebitq; feris mensam domus omnis, & ipse,
Et volucres, omnes mortales dilacerabunt.*

Thus the History of the *Turks* and *Papacy*
are more plainly and fully represented by
the *Oracles* than by the *Revelations*: The
reason of this is, the *Gentile Kingdoms* are
most concern'd in these Revolutions; and
when they find one thing succeed another,
they will be convinc'd of the Truth of the
Christian Religion, and by it be prepar'd
for the *Millennium*.

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The Devil must be bound a thousand Years; the first Resurrection is of the Just and Martyrs, and those who had resisted Mahometanism, and they liv'd and reign'd with Christ; but the rest of the Dead liv'd not till a thousand Years were ended, after which time Satan must be loos'd, and gather Gog and Magog to battel, to besiege Jerusalem; and Fire came down out of Heaven, and devour'd them.

After this shall be the second Judgment, which is of the Wicked, and Christ shall sit on a white Throne, to judge them according to what is written in the Books; and whosoever is not written in the Book of Life, shall be cast into the Lake of Fire.

This is the Resurrection:

*Et tunc infernis animas flatuuntq; sonumque
Celestis tribuat, compatag; convenienter
Artibus offa suis.* —

The Sibylla,
Orac. lib. 2

— *Sublati morte resurgent,
Cursus erit rapidus claudorum, surdus & ipse* Lib. 8.
Audieret. —

The Judgment after the Resurrection
by Christ:

— *Eo veniet in nube eternus & ipse
Christus ad eternum, magno splendore, bonisque
Cum geniis, soliog; sedebit dexter in alto,
Judices ut mores hominum, vitamq; proborum,
Et scelerorum —
Tum finis mundi, tum lux extrema propinquat;* Lib. 8.
Judiciumq; Dei aeterni, lectissq; probissim.

Lib. 2.

A Comparison between the

The Millennium must succeed the first Judgment:

Iac. lib. 3.

*Cum fuisse loc capiet tempus fatale, diesque,
Judiciumq; Dei mortalia peccata magnum,
Aeterni magnis imperio cogente subibunt.
Nam terra omnis parens fruges mortalibus almas
Edet inexhaustas olei, viniisque, cibique,
Et niveo fontes erumpent lacte suaves.
Pax etiam terram peragabit summa virorum,
Et gladios tollent afflati numine vates.*

The first Judgment is call'd Imperium in the account of the Millennium:

Ibid.

Quippe Dei quis iudicium ipsum, erit imperium ipsum.

After the Millennium, the Signs of the Destruction of the World are given, by which 'tis evident there will be a Millennium before it.

Ibid.

The Invasion of Gog and Magog is continued, with the History of the Return of the Jews, because it relates to the last Siege of Jerusalem, and the Destruction of Gog and Magog.

Ibid.

*Sed crebris terram Gentiles rursus eandem
Invadent reges, —*

Circum urbem reges perversi sacrificabunt.

— dextrâq; peribunt

*Omnes aeternâ, & cælo labentur ab alto
In terram ardentes enses —*

— quin insipienter

Hastas sacratam cuncti vibrâstis in Edem.

Omnes ergo Deus bello multabit & ense,

Ignesq; & undanti pluviam, tum sulphur ab alto,

Et lapis in densâ pernicioq; grandine cælo

Dapluer, explebitq; ferâ caro dilaniata.

The

The Judgment of the Wicked, and Punishment of 'em :

*Hos immortalis incorruptiq; columnæ
Ira Dei affigeret, quam circuit undiq; flumen,
Indefessa igni manans, & eos simul omnes;
Æterni patris genii, ——
Ignitis flagris, inflammatisq; catenis,
Duris torquebunt penes, ——
Igni confecti multo : tum dentibus omnes
Stridentes, acri tabescerent vique, sitique.*

Sibylline
Orac. lib. 2.

The second Coming of Christ is thus declar'd :

*Venit enim cœli vir ab altâ sede beatus,
In manibus gestans divino munere scepterum,
Atq; solo cunctas urbes multo eruet igni.*

Lib. 5.

The Happiness of the Just after their Resurrection :

*Ait alios, qui jus æquum coluere, bonumq;
Sublatos genii rapidum per fluminis estum
Ducent in lucem, & securæ munera vitæ,
Immortalis ubi magni via trita tonantî,
Fontibus & trink. vinum, lac, mella sicutebunt.
Non nuptus, non mors, non emptio venditiove,
Non occasus erit, non ortus : namq; creabit
Ille diem longam. ——*

Lib. 2.

The Just, after the Millennium, must be translated to another place :

*— hoc conferet illis.
Namq; leget stabiles, æternoq; eximet igni,
Perque suos aliam in vitam mandabit, eamque
Æternam, nullo morituris tempore, campo
Scilicet Elysio ——*

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ev. ch. 21.

A new Heaven and new Earth are describ'd, and no Sea ; the Holy City comes down from God, as a Bride adorn'd ; all things are made new ; G O D will dwell with Men ; new *Jerusalem* is describ'd after a glorious manner, by Jewels ; there was no Temple in it.

The History of the End of the World precedes the new *Jerusalem* in the Description, but that is contemporary with the *Millennium* ; as appears by the *Sibylline Oracles* :

Drac. lib. 5.

*Precipueq; Deo dilectam reddidit urbem,
Et Sole & Stellis & Luna splendidiorem.
Ilic ornatum posuit : tam condidit alnum
Corporicum pulchrum templum, turrimq; sub auras,
Multisq; in stadiis magnam produxit, & amplam;
Ipsas tangentem nubes, cunctisq; videndam;
Omnes ut justi videant, omnesq; fideles,
Splendorem aeterni, spectacula dulcia patrie :
Ortusq; occasusq; Dei celebravit honores.*

All these Verses are before the Fall of Babylon by an Earthquake :

*Famineum imperium deinde erit, totas annus
mite seculum.*

Ultima sanctorum sunt tempora —————

ev. ch. 22.

The clear River and Tree of Life represent old *Paradise* restor'd ; the twelve Fruits are the Jewish Church ; the Leaves, the Gentiles. All are united into one Tree of Life, Christ. There shall be no more Curse, nor unfruitful Land, nor Labour, Wars, Death, nor different Seasons of the Year : They who have a right

a right to the Tree of Life, must enter
thro' the Gates of the City. *Without are
Dogs, Sorcerers, Whoremongers, Murderers,
Idolaters.*

A Description of the Paradisiacal State:

Tunc hominum gignet puras in corpore mentes, Orac. lib. 7.
Restituetq; genus, fuit ut tibi tempore prisco.
Jam nullo sulcos curvo proscindet aratro,
Terra nec à bobus ferro scindetur acuto,
Nec spicæ, nec erunt sarmenta : sed omnibus una.
Roscida manna simul mandetur dentibus albi.
Nec Deus abfuerit illū, qui cuncta docebit. Lib. 4.
Contra iterum in terras vivent pietatis amici,
Ipsis dante Deo flatum vitamq; cibumque,
Sese pii agnoscant, seseque videbunt.

I have mention'd many Particulars in which the *Oracles* and *Revelations* agree, but that they were not wrote by any Christian after the *Revelations*, will appear by the want of these Particulars in the *Oracles*, which the *Revelations* mention :

1. The Vision of Christ and the seven Candlesticks.

2. The Vision of God in his Throne, the seven Seals, and seven Trumpets, the Northern Invasions, are obscurely and in general describ'd in the *Oracles*.

3. The Origin of the Saracens in *Arabia* are not describ'd, but only that they are the bastard Progeny of *Abraham*; and their Wars in *Egypt* are describ'd, with the Destruction of them by the Holy War, *Tartars* and *Turks*.

4. In the sealed Book all the Alterations in the *Roman Empire* are describ'd in their order ; and the same order is observ'd in the *Oracles*: 1st, The Destruction of the *Jews*; 2^{dly}, the idolatrous *Romans*; 3^{dly}, the Northern Invasions; 4^{thly}, the *Saracens Empire*; 5^{thly}, the *Turkish*; 6^{thly}, the Popedom rais'd. In the 13th Chapter the Beast, with all the Parts of the *Roman Empire*, is describ'd ; and this is Antichrist : But in the describing of him he is divided into two, one part in the East, and t'other in the West, consider'd as two Beasts with distinct Faces. The want of distinguishing the Faces of the Civil and Ecclesiastic State in the Eastern and Western Empires, has bred an extream Confusion amongst Interpreters, who forsake the History of the East and West, at the 10th Chapter, and then lay all the Subject of the open Book at the Pope's Door, whereas the open Book first describes the Wars and Conquests of the *Saracens* and *Turks* in the East, and the Rise of the Popedom, and afterwards the Fall of the *Saracen Empire*, by the *Harvest* and *Vintage*; the Fall of the *Turk*, by the *Vials*, and of *Rome*, in the 17th Chapter ; but the *Jews* must first return. After the Destruction of the *Turk* and *Pope*, the *Millennium* must succeed, before *Elias* comes to destroy the World.

Since the *Oracles* declare many Circumstances of History not related in *Daniel*, nor the *Revelations*, as, the *Turks* conquest of

of *Greece*, the return of the *Jews* from *Persia*, the Wars in *Asia*, *Thrace*, *Macedonia*, by which the Turkish Empire must fall, and the Piratical Invasion by which *Rome* will be destroy'd; I may conclude, that the *Oracles* are no Copies from the *Jewish Prophets*, nor the *Revelations*.

These things we may learn from the *Oracles*: That *Babylon* is to be distinguish'd from *Rome*; that after the Conquest of *Greece* and *Egypt* by the *Turks*, the Reformation must succeed; and after that, in the beginning of the first Vial, the *Jews* must return; and, that after the Fall of *Rome* and the *Turk*, the *Millennium* must succeed; a happy *Paradise* in this World, in which the first Judgment and Resurrection of Just Men must be; and after the thousand Years, the Resurrection and Judgment of the Wicked; then the World must be burnt.

I omitted in its place this Observation, That the four Angels at *Euphrates* were prepar'd for a Month, a Year, a Day, an Hour, for to slay the third part of Men. The total of those Numbers are computed at 396 Years, during which time the Turkish Empire will come to its heighth; and it must be computed from the time the *Turks* invaded *Asia*, in 1075, to which add 396, the total will be 1471, the time of *Mahomet* the Great, who was call'd the first Emperor, after his Conquest of *Constantinople*:

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The Rise of the *Saracen* Empire was in five Months, i. e. 150 Days.

Since none of these Computations are noted in the *Oracles*, the Author of them knew nothing of the *Revelations*. St. John writ the more obscurely, because he liv'd in the time of the Persecutions; and it seem's more obscure to the Western Nations, because their Authors never use a symbolical Expression, as the Eastern do.

*Collections from the FATHERS,
concerning the Return of the Jews,
Antichrist, and the Millennium,
which they borrow'd from these
Oracles.*

When I had finish'd my Comment on these Prophecies, I thought it necessary to examin the Opinions of the Fathers of the Christian Church, to shew how far they agreed with the Interpretations I had given, because they made use of the *Sibylline Oracles*, to help 'em to a clearer Description of Antichrist, the Return of the Jews, and the last state of the World in the *Millennium*. And since they us'd the *Sibylline Oracles*, as the best Key for the understanding the *Revelations*, I will here collect what they have writ on these Subjects,

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Polycarp receiv'd some (or all) Traditions *Du Pin's Eccl. Hist.* about the *Millennium*: He was the Disciple of St. John, and was by him ordain'd Bishop of *Smyrna*; after St. John's decease, *an. 101*, in the second of *Trajan*, he was Head of the Churches in *Asia*; he convers'd with all the Apostles, and died *167*.

Papias was the Disciple of St. John, and a Companion of *Polycarp*, and a Bishop; he wrote five Books concerning the Explication of the Sayings of our Saviour, with this solemn Profession: *Non pigebit nos tibi omnia que quondam à Presbyteris didicimus, & bene retinemus, recordantes exponere, cum interpretationibus suis: neq; enim multa dicentibus, sed vera tradentibus auscultavimus; neque his qui hominum praecepta, sed qui Domini mandata memorabant, ab ipsâ veritate suscepimus.* After this Profession, who can disbelieve him? Do not all believe what he writes of St. *Mark*, That he wrote his Gospel in the order he heard it from St. Peter, and not in that order in which things were done and spoken? And we also believe what he says of St. *Matthew*, That his Gospel was writ in Hebrew. These things *Eusebius* himself believ'd, tho' he condemns *Papias's* Opinion about the *Millennium*, and for that calls him a weak Man, because he did not explain the *Millennium* in a mystical sense, as *Eusebius* did: But this Opinion was approv'd by *Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, &c.* and the same is plainly declar'd in the *Sybylline*

hylline Oracles, which *Eusebius* believ'd to be true Prophecies. *Eusebius* only differ'd from *Papias* in his Mystical *Millennium*, and by that was prejudic'd against him, or against *Cerinthius*, who was a little older than *Papias*, and had corrupted the Tradition by saying, that *Paradise* would abound with all Voluptuousness, he himself being given to Lust and Gluttony.

Justin Martyr Dialog. *Justin* believ'd according to the Opinion of the Primitive Christians, that the Just, after their Resurrection, shall remain for a thousand Years in the City of *Jerusalem*, where they shall enjoy all lawful Pleasures. He writ his *Apology ann. 150*, whilst Prophecies continued in the Church; and he says the *Apocalypse* was writ by St. *John*. He must be at that time well acquainted with the Churches Tradition about it, and her Interpretation of it in that Age.

The way of instructing by Symbols and Allegories was very ancient, not only amongst the Jews, but the Eastern Philosophers, and this occasion'd the obscure superstitious way of interpreting Scripture allegorically in the first Ages of the Church. The Primitive Writers abound in Allegories, finding out Mysteries in every Word, and seldom would follow the literal sense: And as it is now, so it was in those Ages; some took the *Millennium* in a literal sense, as *Justin*, *Irenaeus*, *Tertullian*, *Lactantius*, and the *Sibyls* also agree with a literal sense: but others thought themselves oblig'd to fol-

follow the Mode of their Times, and took the *Millennium* in a mystical sense, making it an Allegory ; these were *Eusebius*, *St. Jerome*, and *St. Austin*. *Justin* says in his Dialogue, that I, and all Christians who are of a true Judgment, know that the Just shall reign in *Jerusalem*, enlarg'd, adorn'd, and restor'd for a thousand Years, as *Ezekiel*, *Isaiah*, and others have declar'd, for they mention the thousand Years. *Non secundum dies signi vita, populi mei erunt, — dies domini sicut mille anni.* They also describe the new Heaven, and the new Earth. *Justin* also observes that *St. John* mentions these thousand Years, and that after that shall be the general Resurrection and Judgment, and that the Saints shall not marry, as our Lord assures us.

He observes the prohibition of reading *Justin's* Apology, the Prophetic Books of the *Sibyls*, and of *Hyppasius*, was made thro' the Malice of the Devil, to hinder Men from following their Admonitions against Idolatry ; but *Justin* advises all to read 'em, from whence most of the true Religion may be learnt ; and he describes the *Sibyl's* Cave at *Cuma*. He mentions the Opinion of *Plato*, that the *Cumean Sibyl* prophesied of many great things truly ; and *Justin* says, the *Sibyl* has describ'd the Advent of our Saviour in express words. He advises the *Gentiles* to believe the *Sibyls*, and tells 'em, that we cannot know God, but by the Revelation of his Prophets. To these Oracles *Justin* appeals against the *Grecian* *Justin's* Admonition to the Gentiles.

cian Idolatry, and Aristotle mentions the old Sibyl as well as Plato, who describ'd the Creation and one God.

Dialog. with
Cyprian.

Justin says, That he that will speak impious Blasphemies against the Most High is now ready to come, who (as *Daniel* says) must continue a time, and times, and half a time: but the Jews ignorantly expound this for Three hundred and fifty Years. *Justin* calls Antichrist ἀντιοις ἀνθρώπος, ἔχαντα δὲ πάντας against the Most High, and he shall commit ἄρρενα against the Christians.

*These Collections I made out of Irenæus,
concerning Antichrist.*

1. **A**ntichrist shall be a Servant, and make himself a King unjustly, contrary to Law.

2. As an Apostate, he shall be very wicked, a Manslayer, a Thief, and he shall promote a Diabolical Apostasy; he shall destroy the Gentile Idols, and set up himself as an Idol or false God, that by him Men may serve the Devil: he is call'd the Son of Perdition, the Man of Sin, who shall, as the Apostle says, extol himself above all that is call'd God, or worship'd; and he shall sit in the Temple of God at Jerusalem, shewing himself as God: *In quo adversarius sedebit, tentans semet ipsum Christum offendere.*

Antichrist must not appear till after the ten Kings, and he is the little Horn in *Daniel*,

niel, which must destroy three of the ten Horns ; he will make War with the Saints, and speak Words against the Most High, change Times and the Law, and reign three Years and a half : *In templo Dei sedebit, seducens eos qui adorant eum, quasi ipse sit Christus.*

The History of *Mahomet* shews that he is that Antichrist describ'd by *Irenaeus*.

1. *Mahomet* was Servant to a Merchant at *Mecca*, and made himself a King ; the *Rhinoceros* has a little Horn, and is a Beast of *Arabia*, and therefore by that the Rise of the *Saracen* Empire is describ'd in that Country, which in the space of an hundred Year's conquer'd *Egypt*, *Syria*, *Arabia*, *Persia*, *Armenia*, *Africa*, *Spain*, &c. The three Kings conquer'd by the *Saracens* are, the *Persian*, the *Gothic* Kings in *Spain*, and the Eastern Emperor's Dominions in *Syria*, *Egypt*, *Africa*, and some parts of *Asia minor*. The Soldiers of *Heraclius* revolted to *Mahomet* in *Arabia*, and thus he became a Prince there.

2. *Mahomet* was a Homicide and Thief ; his Government was tyrannical, and he forc'd all to receive his Religion, or become Tributaries ; he promoted his new Religion by his Sword, and forc'd many to apostatize from the Christian : At first he maintain'd his Followers by robbing the Caravans.

3. *Mahomet* promoted a diabolical Apostasie from Christ, by which he serv'd the

Devil : He was help'd in the composing of his Alcoran by a *Jacobite* Christian, a *Nestorian* Monk, and a Jew, and then he gave a new Rule of Faith, and pretended to an Inspiration by the Angel *Gabriel* in his Epileptic Fits. Tho' *Mahomet* acknowledges but One God, and destroy'd the *Gentile* Idols, yet he tells ridiculous Stories of God, and denies the Trinity. *Mahomet* ascribes the Creation to Angels, and not to God ; he asserts the Human Soul to be part of God ; he prescribes swearing by his Creatures as by the Morning Star, and 'tis a sort of Idolatry to swear by the Wind, or Angels. He declares himself to be the chief Prophet of God. The *Turks* may be reckon'd Idolaters, because they worship the Alcoran ; no Man must touch it with his naked Hands ; the Priest must kiss it and bow to it, and the Mule which carries it to

Alcoran, Mecca is had in great veneration. They say
cb. 8c. the Alcoran was sent from Heaven by *Gabriel*, and they believe that 'twas copied from a Book kept there, to which Honour and Praise is due eternally. *Mahomet* makes God the Author of the Alcoran, and to swear by it. He says, 'tis impious to say God had a Son, he therefore denys his Divinity, as the *Arians* do : And he makes the Holy Ghost a Creature, but says he was inspir'd by him ; and he denys that Christ truly died and 'rose again : This Heresie *Mahomet* had from the *Manichees*. The *Mahometans* also hold the Errors of Cerim-
thus

thns and Ebion, That Christ is only a Man, and not God. Against these St. John wrote his Gospel, and these were the many Anti-christs mention'd in his Epistles ; this was the Blasphemy of the Simoniani, Saturnini, Marcite, &c. Mahomet follow'd all the Heretical Opinions of the Apostates above mention'd ; he denies the worship of Christ, and proves by these weak Arguments, that he was not God's Son :

1st, There is but one God, and he has no Associate or Companion.

2dly, God has no Wife, and therefore no Son.

3dly, If God had a Son, there would be danger of Disputes betwixt them.

4thly, There is a Story told in the Alcoran, That God chid Christ for making himself God; and, that Christ deny'd it. These are Mahomet's Blasphemies against Christ as God ; and Mahomet feign'd this Revelation, and in contempt of the Christian Worship he ordain'd Sunday to be a Day of Traffick, and Friday to be their Religious Day, or Holy Day.

4. Antichrist must not appear till the Roman Empire was divided into ten Kingdoms, which was done in the fifth and sixth Centuries, and Mahomet began his Religion and Flight from Mecca 622, which was his Hegira.

5. Mahomet's Caliphs made War with the Christians, and conquer'd three of their Kings : Omar took Jerusalem, and built a

Mosch on the Ruins of the Temple ; that the Antichristian Prince sate in the Temple of God, preferring his Religion and Laws above Christ's.

5. This is *Mahomet* boasting that the Alcoran is writ with more Eloquence and Plainness than the Scriptures ; and, that he is the last and greatest of the Prophets, having more Knowledg than all the Angels and Men in the World ; and, that he saw God in his Journey to Heaven ; that his Name was writ in the Throne of God, and, that Christ foretold the coming of *Mahomet*. All this shews him to be the False Prophet.

God is said, in the Alcoran, to ask Jesus Christ, *Didst thou enjoyn the People to worship thee and thy Mother Mary, as two Gods ?* To which he answer'd, *Worship God, your Lord and mine.* The Sophi of Persia is call'd God's Lieutenant, the high and mighty Star.

6. *Mahomet* pretended to a few Miracles, he divided the Moon into two parts, the one fell on the Ground, and t'other into his Lap, but these two pieces he folder'd together again. In memory of this, the *Turks* use the Half-moon in their Ensigns.

Mahomet's Journey to Heaven is another of their Miracles, which the *Turks* believe.

He is said to teach a Pigeon to pick Pease out of his Ears, and told the People it was the Holy Ghost, who came to tell him what God would have him do.

An Ox was taught to bring him a Chapter of the Alcoran on his Horns, in a full Assembly.

He pretended that a Shoulder of Mutton told him it was poison'd; and he told the People that the Trees bow'd to him, the Wolves howl'd, and the Asses bray'd, desiring him to pray for them. He told his Followers, that he would rise again the third Day, but he deceiv'd 'em, and they buried him the fourth at *Medina*, where his Relicks are annually visited by the Pilgrims. Such were the Miracles by which he deluded the People 23 Years, ten at *Mecca*, and thirteen at *Medina*. He liv'd 63 Years; a Comet appear'd at the time of his Death resembling a Sword, pointing from South to North; this continued thirty Days, and appear'd at Mid-day, and it preceded or portended the Rise of the *Arabian Monarchy*. *Mahomet* chang'd the Christian Æra by instituting the Hegira, 32 of which Years answer 31 of the Christian: The Year 1713 is the 1125 Hegira, and in the 1260 Hegira the Kingdom of the Turks will fall, and end with the coming of Christ.

When *Mahomet* fought with the *Jews* at *Medina*, he was wounded with a Sword in the Face, which broke out his fore-Teeth, and he continued long in a Ditch as dead; his reviving again was thought a Miracle: And to this the Head that was wounded,

and the Wound heal'd, may refer, in the 13th Chapter of the *Revelations*.

Alcoran, *cb. 26.* *Chaib* preach'd the Alcoran to the People of a Forest near *Medina*, who traduc'd him as a Lyar, but they were cover'd with a Cloud that rain'd on 'em a Showre of Fire, and they were burnt. *Mahomet* says, *This was a Token of my Power.* To this Story the *Revelation* relates, as a Miracle of the false Prophet's making Fire come from Heaven. *Mahomet* says, Thunder was darted against them that flew the Camel of *Salbee*. On *Mahomet's* Seal are engraven these words, *Mahomet, the Messenger of God.*

7. These Absurdities may be read in the Alcoran: The Virgin *Mary* is Daughter to *Moses*, Children and Beasts speak, *Solomon* rais'd an Army of Men and Angels; God prays for *Mahomet*; *Abraham* had two Sons, *Isaac* and *Jacob*.

8. These Immoralities are taught by the Alcoran:

1. They allow the Muselmen to swear deceitfully, and three days Fast will satisfie for Perjury. They allow Depredations, and command the propagating Religion by the Sword. They allow Liberty of all Religions, in which they say all Men may be saved.

2. Divorce is lawful: *Mahomet* told *Zaida*, that God had given him leave to take his Wife. They use many Concubines. The *Turks* believe Scandalous Pleasures in Paradise.

The *Turks* had their Circumcision from *Hagar*, and their fabulous Stories from the Talmud; as, the Names of Angels, their Mercy to Beasts, and their Multitudes of Heavens.

The *Hagarens* worship'd the Morning Star before *Mahomet's* time, and *Mahomet* took from these Idolaters his Fable, That a Woman was turned into that Star; and Friday was therefore observed by the *Muselmen*, and they swear by that Star: And *Mahomet* is call'd a falling Star in the *Revelations*.

This is the *Muselmens* Faith; at 8 Years old they are obliged to say, There is one God, and *Mahomet* his Prophet, *Erecto manus pollice*, and they who profess this are saved, tho' they live wicked Lives, in all manner of Luxury, Perfidiousness, and Murder.

Irenaeus, by the *Beast* in the 13th Chapter of the *Revelations*, understands Antichrist; he makes the second Beast the false Prophet, or his Armiger, and believes his Miracles to be done by magical Illusions, as the *Magi* in *Egypt* did; or the Devil might perform them, to seduce Mankind. *Irenaeus* thought the Name of Antichrist might be many Words, as, *Titan*, or *Lateinos*, but that till Antichrist was come it could not be certainly known. He says, Antichrist must not be destroy'd till the coming of Christ, and then the fourth Monarchy will end in the Kingdom of the Saints.

Irenæus had his account of the Apocalypse from *Polycarp*, the Disciple of St. John, and he was *Polycarp's* Disciple. *Jerome* makes him a Disciple of *Papias*; and *Irenæus* was young when he saw old *Polycarp*: He affirms, that the Just having liv'd a thousand Years, and enjoy'd Temporal Pleasures, should enter into Heaven, to possess Eternal Happiness. He was born about 140, and lived till 202; he spake thus of the *Revelation*, *Nec enim ante multum temporis visum est, sed pene sub nostro seculo, sub finem imperii Domitiani.*

Irenæus compares the ten Toes of *Daniel's* Image, to the ten Kingdoms. Christ is the Stone that must break them to pieces, and set up the Eternal Kingdom. These Horns chang'd in every Age, so the Seats are now none, tho' one of the ancientest.

*Some farther Collections from Irenæus,
concerning the Resurrection and Millenium.*

TH E same Bodies shall rise, as Christ's did; the Souls are kept in separate Places under the Earth till the Resurrection; and from thence Christ brought many at his Resurrection.

The Just shall rise first, and then will be the Judgment; the Creatures will be renewed, which they expect at the Revelation of the Sons of God, and then they shall be

be deliver'd from the Bondage of Corruption.

The Saints must rise in the same Bodies they suffer'd, that they may be rewarded in them: Then they will drink new Wine in the Kingdom of the Father, with Jesus Christ; and then Christ will reward our Charity to the Poor, and for all our Losses we must expect to receive a hundred fold in that Age.

In Jacob's Blessing, *Let the Gentiles serve thee, and Princes adore thee;* this was not perform'd in his Life-time to him, therefore it must be done in the *Millennium*: Those Presbyters testify that they heard from St. John, that the Just shall rise and reign, and then the Creature should be renew'd, and obey Man, as they did in *Paradise*. All these things *Irenæus* says *Papias*, the Disciple of St. John, and Fellow-Pupil with *Poly-*
carp, testifies in his Writings in his fourth Book.

The Jews expected a temporal Kingdom under the *Messiah*, as the Request of the Mother of Zedecia's Sons intimates, and the Question of the Disciples, after Christ's Resurrection, Whether he would then restore the Kingdom to *Israel*.

Irenæus denies that there is an Allegory in the Prophecies concerning Antichrist and Christ's Kingdom in the *Millennium*, for Men will then truly rise from the Dead, and not allegorically, and be truly incorruptible, and be prepar'd in the thousand Years for

for the Society of Christ and good Men, and be made capable of living in the Glory of the Father; all things shall be truly renew'd, and they shall live in the City of God; and all these things are said to be faithful and true, and written by God's Command, and shall be done; and the Heavens and Earth shall not be destroy'd, but chang'd. *Irenaeus* says, there are different Mansions for those that shall be rewarded; some shall be receiv'd into Heaven, others into Paradise, and the rest of the Just into the Holy City.

Christ raised *Lazarus* in the same Body; and in the Resurrection the corruptible Body must put on incorruption: Christ rose in the same Body; and if the Body rise not, Christ needed not to have taken a humane Body, to reconcile it thro' his Blood: And as we have born the Image of the Earthly, so we must bear the Image of the Heavenly, therefore after the Resurrection, the Body will be made immortal; *Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven*; that is, they who are led by the Flesh, and do the Deeds to which it inclines them.

Note, That since our Bodies will be the same as our Saviour's was after his Resurrection, in which he did eat and drink with his Disciples, so will Men in the *Millennium* use the same Diet as was appointed for them in Paradise, without any Excel's or Luxury, and the Tree of Life will make them immortal.

*Collections out of Tertullian; concerning
Antichrist.*

Before the Day of Christ's coming, there must be *abscessio regni*, by Antichrist, and that which hinders, is the *Romanus Status*, *cujus abscessio in decem reges dispersa, Antichristum superinducet*, & tum *revelabitur iniquus*. *Quem Dominus Jesus interficiet spiritu oris sui*. Tertullian mentions the Vials, and the Destruction of the prostituted City by the ten Kings; then the Beast Antichrist, with his false Prophet, shall War against the Church; and the Devil at last being bound, there will be the first Resurrection and Judgment; but the Devil shall be loosed at last, and condemn'd to the Fire, and then shall be the universal Resurrection and Judgment out of the Books. These things must happen in the latter Days, and therefore cannot be spiritually allegoriz'd: *Con-* Lib. 3. adv. *fitemur in terrâ regnum reprobissimum, sed ante* Marcionem. *cælum, sed alio statu, post Resurrectionem, in Mille annos, in Jerusalem cælo delata*. On the Earth, he says, the Saints were afflicted, and therefore 'tis fit they should rejoice there, in all plenty of Spiritual Gifts; but after the thousand Years, in which time the Saints shall rise, sooner or later, according to their Merits, the World shall be destroy'd by Fire, after the last Judgment, and then our Bodies shall be chang'd into an Angelical

cal Substance, and carry'd into Heaven.
ib. de Resur- & carnu. Tertullian says, that Christ first told the Signs of the Destruction of *Jerusalem*, and afterwards the Signs of the Destruction of the World, which are those in the Sun, and Moon, and Stars; and the Powers in the Heavens shall be mov'd, and then the Son of Man shall come. And in the same place Tertullian mentions the coming of *Elias*, and the Persecution of Antichrist, and the Fall of *Babylon*. Tertullian lived in 194, and till 216. The 24 Elders, and their 24 Wings, represent the 24 canonical Books of the Old Testament, according to Tertullian. I think it more probable, that they are 24 Churches fill'd by inferior Bishops in St. John's Days, as the four Beasts represent the four Governing Metropolitans at *Jerusalem*, *Antioch*, *Alexandria* and *Rome*, which were in St. John's time.

Collections out of Lactantius, who writ about the Year 320, concerning the Fall of the Roman Empire, Antichrist, and the Millennium.

AS Egypt was punish'd with many Plagues, before the deliverance of the Children of *Israel*, so will all the World be smitten, amongst whom the Jews are dispersed, before their last deliverance, and many Prodigies will foretell the Destruction of all Nations; there will be great Tumults and

and Wars amongst all Nations, and *Egypt* shall suffer first, for its Superstitions, which shall be the cause of these Wars. The *Roman Empire* must fall, *Et Imperium in Asiam revertetur, atque rursus oriens dominabitur, atque occidens serviet*; the *Roman Empire* shall be divided by many Wars into ten Kingdoms, then an Enemy from the North shall conquer three of these Kings that possess'd *Asia*, and become Head of them all, and shall act tyrannically: By setting up a new Empire, and introducing new Laws, he shall become the Emperor; transfer the Seat of his Empire, and destroy all by the Sword.

Note. That *Lactantius* here plainly describes the Turks coming from the North; he conquer'd the King of *Persia*, the Emperors of *Constantinople* and *Trapezond*; he set up a new Empire after the taking of *Constantinople*, and transfer'd it from *Iconium* (or *Prusa* and *Adrianople*) thither; he chang'd the Laws and possess'd all *Asia*, and destroy'd all by the Sword. All this *Lactantius* had from the Sibyls, and this Prophecy is fulfill'd.

There shall be great Inundations, Famines, Pestilences, great Prodigies in the Heavens, Comets, Darkness, the Colour of the Moon chang'd into Blood, falling Stars, and the tenth part of Mankind will be hardly left.

Note. That *Lactantius* having given a general Account of the *Roman Empire* till the End of the World, now begins a more particular Account from the time of *Elias* and *Mahomet*.

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The Turk.

He says, *Elias the Thesbite*, a great Prophet, shall be sent from God towards the latter end of the World, to work Miracles, and turn Men to the Knowledge of GOD, and if Men will not obey, he shall shut up the Heavens, stop the Rain, and turn the Waters into Blood; and they that will hurt him shall be destroy'd by Fire proceeding out of his Mouth: Then shall another King rise out of *Syria*, the Destroyer of Mankind, and he shall fight against that Prophet, and overcome him, and kill him, and leave him unbury'd; and after three Days, he shall rise again, and be taken into Heaven.

Note. That this Story about *Elias*, and his being kill'd, is a meer Conjecture of *Lactantius*, who mistook the two Witnesses for *Elias*, Chap. 11, of the *Revelations*, whereas they must be two: Also they are call'd Candlesticks, that is, two Churches.

Christ tells us, that St. John was the *Elias*, and *fragment. de xtremo Iudicio.* this was a Tradition of the Jews; as *Lactantius intimates, fide Iudeorum.* The *Revelations* says nothing of *Elias*, unless the Man standing in the Sun be him; and the *Sibyl* only says, that he shall come to destroy the World at last, but not to preach. This misunderstanding of the two Witnesses has lasted even to this Age.

Sabomer's Aliph.

The King of *Syria* is call'd, *Mendaciorum propheta, & seipsum constituet, & vocabit Deum, & se coli jubebit, ut filium Dei, & dabitur ei potestas, ut faciat signa & prodigia;* for which Men will adore him: He will com-

command Fire from Heaven, the Sun to stand still, and the Image to speak ; then he shall endeavour to destroy the Temple of God, and persecute the Just ; and there shall be such an Oppression as was not from the beginning of the World.

Note. This is a description of *Mahomet's* Magical Delusions, as it is describ'd in the Sibyls, and this must be distinguish'd from the Account of the Northern Enemy above describ'd, which is the *Turk*. *Mahomet* sets himself above Christ, who is God. *Lactantius* mistakes the *Turks* for the first Beast in the *Revelations*, which is the *Saracens*, for they rose first ; as appears in the 9th Chap. of the *Revelations*. The making the Image speak, is, the *Turks* rais'd the *Saracens* Power and Religion, after they were destroy'd, and will continue it to the End of the World.

After three Years Wars, they that submitted to him are to be mark'd as Beasts, and become Slaves or Tributaries ; but they who refus'd his Doctrine, fled into the Mountains, or were slain : *Idem justos homines obvolvet libris Prophetarum, & cremabit*. He will burn the Christians with their Prophesies concerning Antichrist ; *Et dabitur ei desolare orbem terræ 42 Mensibus, 1260* Lunar Yeats, or Hegira's ; this must begin from *Mahomet*.

The Miseries in the time of Antichrist are thus describ'd, *Quasi uno communique latrocinio, terra universa vastabitur*. This wicked Prince shall besiege the Christians in

the Mountains, and God shall send a great King from Heavens, who shall destroy those wicked Armies by Fire and Sword.

Note. This is the final Destruction of the Turkish Empire at Christ's coming, as *Lactantius* says, on Christmas-Eve, when he shall come as *Victor* and *Rex*.

The Signs of Christ coming are, *Cader gladiis repente ex celo*: He shall descend with the Angels, and a Fire shall go before him, to destroy Antichrist; *Qui seipsum Christum mentietur, bellum sepe renovabit, & sepe vincetur, donec quarto prælio confectis omnibus impiis debellatus, & capsus*: and all other Tyrants shall be brought to Christ, and he shall condemn them to Torments; and all Image-worship shall be abolished.

After these things, the Dead shall rise who are Christians, but none of the Wicked till after the *Millennium*; and the Saints shall reign over them who remain alive a thousand Years, with Christ on the Earth. All the Nations shall not be destroy'd, but be govern'd by the Saints after the Judgment. The Holy City shall be built, in which Christ shall reign. The state of Paradise will return, and the Sun and Moon shall shine more gloriously, and the Earth be very fruitful; the Rocks shall sweat Honey, the small Rivers run with Wine, and the great with Milk; [*this is a symbolical description of Plenty*] the Beasts shall not devour

your one another, and the Kings of the Earth shall come to worship Christ.

Note, All this *Lactantius* collected from the Prophets of the *Jews* and *Christians*, as well as the *Sibyls*; but Antichrist not being come, he was confounded in the account of the two Beasts. Till *Rome* is destroy'd, the end of the World cannot come, *Illa enim est civitas que sustentat omnia.*

After a thousand Years the Devil will be loosed, and tempt the Nations to besiege the holy City; then shall the last Anger of GOD destroy Men by an Earthquake, which shall throw down all Mountains, and Cities in *Syria*; the Sun standing still three Days, shall burn the Earth, and with Hail and Lightning all the Wicked shall be slain, but the Righteous will only remain in the Earth; and then for seven Years there will be Peace.

When the thousand Years are finished, the World will be renew'd, and Men become Angels; then shall the Unjust rise to eternal Punishment, (such are they that worship Images, or deny Christ) and shall be cast with the Devil into Hell-fire. *Hac est doctrina sanctorum prophetarum, quam Christiani sequuntur, huc nostra sapientia. — Abscondit regiq; mysterium quam fidelissime oportet, maxime a nobis.*

Note, *Lactantius* calls this Doctrin the Doctrin of Christ, which was conceal'd, for fear of the Emperors, in symbolical figures. Whence *Lactantius*

sins had these Traditions of Antichrist's reign in *Syria*, his fourth Battel, and many other circumstances, which are neither in the *Sibyls* or *Revelations*, I know not, unless from *Hystaspis*, whom he mentions to reject the *Millennium*. *Lactantius* says, 'tis to deny the Doctrin of the Prophets, and the Traditions of the Christians. In this order he has plac'd all Events.

The World must last Six thousand Years, the Destruction of the *Roman Empire* must precede that of the World; then Anti-christ shall persecute *Elias*, and be destroy'd by the Coming of Christ: Then Christ shall judge them that are rais'd from the Dead, and after this he shall reign a thousand Years upon the Earth: When all Mankind shall be rais'd, the Good shall be made good Angels, and the Wicked punish'd in eternal Fire, and the Earth shall be made new after its Conflagration.

Collections from St. Austin about the Millennium, in his Book of the City of God.

Saint *Austin* confesses, that he once believ'd the *Millennium*, but afterwards chang'd his Opinion, because he could not allow a carnal *Paradise*, such as some Heretics asserted. He makes the first Resurrection only a Spiritual Regeneration, and the binding of the Devil, the Encrease of the Church.

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Note. This cannot be so allegoriz'd, because the Church encreas'd in the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven, and not only at the end of the World.

He says, The thousand Years signifie Eternity; and the loosing the Devil, the Persecution of the Church, which is the Kingdom in which Christ will reign: The Seats placed for Judgment, are the Bishopricks; the Beast, is the Society of the Wicked: By Death is meant Iniquity: *Gog* and *Magog* is the last Persecution by wicked Prince's: The Holy City, is Christ's Church: By Fire consuming the Wicked, we understand the Zeal of Just Men: The Books open'd, are Mens Consciences: Antichrist, is wicked Men, whose Persecution shall last three Years and a half: And, that by him who withholdeth the appearance of Antichrist, is meant the *Roman* State. And he describes this Order of Events; First, *Elias* must come, the *Jews* will believe, Antichrist will persecute, Christ will judge, the Dead shall rise, the Good and Bad shall be separated. the World shall burn and be renew'd.

Note. This Allegorical Interpretation contradicts *Daniel's* Vision, That Antichrist shall rise after the division of the *Roman* Empire, and the Kingdom of the Saints shall succeed Antichrist's Destruction. Besides, hereby the whole Apocalypse is made useless, and all the Prophesies are made insignificant Allegories, and no Historical Events are signified by them.

Collections out of Sulpitius Severus's
Second Dialogue.

This Account St. Martin gave concerning the End of the World, *de fine seculi*, That Nero and Antichrist should first come; that Nero should reign in the West over the ten Kings; and, that he should persecute there, *ut Idola gentium coli cogat*: That Antichrist should possess the Eastern Empire; and, that he should place the Seat and Head of his Empire at Jerusalem; and, that he should repair the City and Temple; and, that his Persecution should be such, *ut Christum dominum cogat negari*; *se potius Christum esse confirmans, omnesq; secundum legem circumcidendi jubeat*; and, that Antichrist should destroy Nero, and conquer the World, and all Nations, till at last he shall be overthrown by the coming of Christ.

There's no doubt but Antichrist was posse'd with an evil Spirit in his Youth, and when a Man he got the Empire.

Note, St. Martin was a Roman Saint, and by Nero in the West he plainly describes the Popes, who held the Western Kings in subjection; and he set up the Worship of Images and Saints; he persecuted the Eastern Emperors who oppos'd it, and afterwards the Western Reformers for the same, from the 13th Century to this day. And since there has been no Persecution in the West, to force Men to Image-worship, but by the Popes, they must be this Nero, who slew his Mother, [i.e. part of the Christian Church.] By Nero, a succession of Popes

Popes must be understood, as by Antichrist in the East a succession of Saracens Caliphs and Turkish Emperors. The first Ages believ'd that Nero was a Type of Antichrist, and this was St. Chrysostom's Opinion, and the Sibylline Oracles call him so.

The Mahometans are the Antichrist in the East, who by their Oppressions forc'd Christians to forsake Christ to follow Mahomet's Doctrin. Antichrist will conquer Nero, when he shall at last surprize and burn Rome, as the Sibylline Oracles affirm. The Mahometans use Circumcision; they built a Mosch on the Ruins of Solomon's Temple; they fortified the City, and it has been in their hands ever since, except in the time of the Holy War; they conquer'd many Nations, and the Revelations say, Power was given him over all Nations.

We find by the Event, that St. Martin gave the clearest Account of Antichrist and the Pope, and rightly distinguish'd the Reasons of the Persecutions in the East from that in the West; his only Mistake is the placing the Seat of his Empire at Jerusalem. The Turk's Subjects give him the Titles of God on Earth, Shadow of God, Brother of the Sun and Moon, the Giver of all Earthly Crowns.

Tho' St. Jerome derides the Millennium, yet in his Comment on *Foremias*, he confesses, *Non se audere damnare, quid nulli Ecclesiastis* corum virorum, & Martyrum id dixerint; and speaks of Antichrist in his Notes on *Daniel*. Such shall be his Pride, *Ut leges Del-*

& ceremonias mutare conetur, and he shall raise himself above all that is call'd God (Christ); Religionem cunctam sue subjiciens potestati.

Theodoret says, That about the End of the World ten Kings shall rise, and after them Antichrist, who, striving for the Kingdom, shall subvert three of 'em: He shall speak Blasphemies against God, [i. e. Christ]; he shall punish the Saints, overthrow the establish'd Religion, and change the Government.

Luther's Opinion concerning Antichrist, in his Military Sermon, quoted by Sledan, in his History of the Reformation, lib. 14.

THE Scripture prophesieth of two cruel Tyrants, who are to lay waste and plague the Christian World before the last Day of Judgment; the one by false Doctrin, of whom *Daniel*, and after him St. *Paul*, speaks, and this is the Pope; and the other by Force and Arms, (*viz.* the Turk) of whom *Daniel* speaks in the 7th Chapter, the little Horn sprung up among the ten of the fourth Beast; and tho' it be grown to a great bigness, yet it can never reach to the Power of the *Roman Empire*. And because *Daniel* assigns it three Horns, which it must pull off from the ten, its Power will not proceed much farther, for these three Horns are

are long since pull'd off, *Greece, Asia, Agypt*, three vast Provinces of the Empire which the *Turks* now possess; and within these Limits it is now confin'd: He may possibly get some footing in *Hungary*, but 'tis not to be thought he can long enjoy it, as he doth in *Asia, Agypt, and Greece*.

Note. All this is come to pass as *Luther* truly interpreted the Prophecy; and all the modern *Protestants* ought to follow his distinction of the two Tyrants in the East and West: The *Revelation* has join'd 'em into one Beast, in Chap. 13, but gives a separate account of them, of the Eastern Beast, in the 9th, 11th, and 13th Chapters, and of the Western Beast in the 17th Chapter. 'Tis plain the Fate of the Eastern Empire and Church differ from the Western.

An Answer to Opsopæus's Objections against the Sibylline Oracles, and those of Isaac Vossius, That they were writ by the Jews.

THO' the Events in History sufficiently prove the Oracles to be from a divine Inspiration, yet I think my self oblig'd to answer' the Common Objections against 'em.

Object. 1. There was no Sibyl before *Moses*, how then can she predict the Flood, or pretend to be in the Ark before *Noah*?

Answ.

Opsopæus answer'd.

Ans^w. The *Sibyl* says, she will relate things past as well as those to come; and this *Moses* also did; but neither could have done it without an Inspiration concerning things past as well as those to come: And as *Moses* made use of the old Histories, brought down from *Noah* by the direction of the Holy Ghost, so the *Sibyls* were directed to use the Histories of the *Gentiles*, because these Prophesies were to be deliver'd to them; and they were well acquainted with their own Histories, but not those of *Moses*, concerning the Creation, Paradise, and the Flood.

Obj. 2. The *Sibyl* says, 'tis 1500 Years since the idolatrous Princes of *Greece*; and therefore the *Sibyl* must write 1500 Years after the *Grecian Empire*.

Ans. The *Sibyl* here only reckons the time since the last King of *Greece*, *Perseus*, who was carried to *Rome* 159 Years before Christ, till the *Ottomans* conquer'd *Greece*, and *Amurath* conquer'd *Thessaly*, 1430; and this makes 1589, the odd Years are seldom reckon'd by the Prophets: And the *Turks* had some footing in *Greece* before, in 1373.

Obj. 3. The *Sibyl* says, she saw the second *Vestal Temple* burnt, which was in *Commodo*-*dus's* reign, *ann. 199*.

Ans. The *Sibyl* does not say she saw the second *Vestal Temple* burnt, but a Temple which was built by the Saints at *Rome*; for this is not mention'd till after Christianity was settled in the Empire, and not long before

fore the last ruin of *Rome*. The *Sibyls*, like other Prophets, use a Poetical Figure in describing both past and future Actions, as if they were present at 'em; so the *Sibyl* represents the Fear of *Noah* and his Family in the Ark, as if she had been amongst 'em; and she speaks of her self as if she were present at the burning of the World.

Obj. 4. After *Adrian*, there will be but three Emperors, *Antoninus Pius*, *Antoninus Philosophus*, and *Commodus*, and then the end of the World shall be.

Ans. The three to reign after *Adrian* are to continue the Years of the numeral Letters of God, which are 1736. *Constantine* is the first; the *Caroline* Family, which set up for the Western Empire, the second; and the *Turk*, call'd *Nero*, the third. And under the Western Empire the *German* Empire must be reckon'd; and the *Saracens* and *Turks* are the same Empire. The History in the fifth Book, after *Adrian*, could not come to pass in *Commodus's* Reign; therefore this Surmise is absurd, that the World should last no longer, according to the *Sibyl's* Writing.

Obj. 5. That the *Sibyls* held some Opinion of *Origen's*, That the Wicked should be deliver'd from Torment after some Ages.

Ans. This is a Mistake, for the *Sibyls* say no such thing, but the contrary.

Obj. 6. The Story of *Nero's* Flight is false, and his coming over *Euphrates* to be *Antichrist*.

Ans.

Anf. The *Antichrist* is call'd *Nero* for his Cruelty: This is only a feign'd Allegory, or symbolical Fable, and that this was well known in *Nero's* time we know, by the vulgar Opinion that *Nero* fled over *Euphrates*; and this could proceed from no other cause than the finding it in the *Sibylline* Oracles. *Suetonius* mentions this popular Rumour: All Prophets use such symbolical Fables to conceal their Prophesies till the Events happen. *Mahomet* fled from *Mecca*, and *Ottoman's* Family out of *Perſia*, therefore the Oracles say of Antichrist, *fugiens veniet*.

Obj. 7. The *Sibyls* Books are obscure, defective, and without Order.

Anf. Till the History of Events is observ'd, the Prophesies were obscure, especially to the Christians in the first Ages; but I must affirm, that the Prophesies keep the true chronological order from the Creation to the Flood, in the four succeeding Monarchies, and in the *Roman Empire*, 15 *Cæſars*; then the *Constantinopolitan Emperor*, the Northern Invasion, the *Saracens*, *Turks*, the Reformation, the Return of the *Jews*, the Destruction of the *Papal* and *Mahometan Empires*, the coming of Christ in the *Millennium*, and the burning of the World after the Resurrection and last Judgment...

Obj. 8. The Name of *Adam* is observ'd to comprehend East and West, North and South, in Greek; and this is ridiculous.

Anf. The numeral Letters in Names were formerly much observ'd, as appears by the

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Apostolic Constitutions : *I* signifies ten, and ten is the Tithe, and there are ten Commandments. The number of Mahomet's Name is 666 ; and the same way of computation is us'd by the *Sibyls*. In *Genesis* we find Names were given for a Monument of some past History.

Obj. 9. These Verses are exceeded in majesty and expression by the Greek Poets.

Ans. The design of these Verses is not to please, but instruct Men in their Duty and future Events : Hence *Orpheus*, *Homer*, *Hesiod*, *Virgil*, and all the Grecian Philosophers borrow'd their Notions of the Creation, Flood, the Rewards of the Just, and Punishment of the Wicked, the Golden Age, their Sacrifices and Libations, and the Conflagration of the World. *Homer*, as *Diodorus* testifies, took many Verses from these Oracles.

Obj. 10. The *Sibylline* Verses contain rather Histories than Prophesies.

Ans. *Nero*, the *Woman*, and *Widow*, are symbolical Characters of the *Turk* and *Pope*. All cruel Men are call'd *Matrum Cæsores*; Inundations are put for Invasions; and these Phrases are usual in Prophesies.

I wholly reject the Acrosticks, and the History following, where the Virgin *Mary* is nam'd, as spurious Additions.

Obj. 11. The *Agones Iselaſtici* were instituted in *Trajan's* time.

Ans. 'Tis plain, that the *Sibyls* call the Christians Martyrdoms by that Name, as ap-

appears by the word *μάρτυρες*; and since there were many Martyrdoms in *Trajan's* time, they may be call'd by the new-instituted Games.

Obj. 12. Some things are cited by Authors for *Sibylline Verses*, which are not in our Copies, for which Reason some believe these Oracles are not the Ancient *Sibyls*.

Ans. Many *Sibylline Verses* are wanting, as appears in the defective Places; and Authors might have had a different Translation from the present. *Lactantius* attributes to all the ten Sibyls a several Book; we have but eight. All the Sibyls agree in the true notions of Religion, and the Changes in the Roman Empire: The *Turks Conquest of Greece* is plainly recorded in the third Book; and the fifth has the *Turks* coming over *Euphrates*, and the eighth his Destruction of *Rome*. If all the other were lost, these three, the third, fifth, and eighth, are sufficient to discover the most considerable future Events in the *Roman Empire*.

Vossius's Objections collected.

Obj. 1. A thousand Verses were brought to *Rome* by those who were sent to collect them, after the Capitol was burnt, but now there are more.

Ans. The *Cumean Sibyls Verses* were burnt, for they only were kept as Secrets, all the rest were commonly known; therefore

fore the *Cumeans* Verses needed a new Collection, and not the rest.

Obj. 2. 'Tis observ'd that *Adam's* Name has the first Letters of the four parts of the World.

Ans. Names were impos'd for some particular Reason; God call'd *Adam* and *Eve* by their Names, and he bleſſ'd them, that they might fill the Earth.

Obj. 3. The *Millennium* is a *Jewish* Opinion, and that the World must last 6000 Years.

Ans. Most of the Fathers were of this Opinion, and some in the Apostles times, as appears by *Barnabas's* Epistles; and this has come from *Daniel's* Kingdom of the Saints.

Obj. 4. In these Oracles the Greek Fables of their Gods are mention'd.

Ans. *Saturn* represents *Noah*; or the Sons of *Noah* may be *Saturn*, *Titan*, *Japetus*.

Obj. 5. The Flood is describ'd of forty Days continuance.

Ans. This was the Gentiles Tradition, and it rain'd forty Days.

Obj. 6. *Ararat* is a Mountain in *Armenia*, and not *Phrygia*.

Ans. The *Armenians* were deriv'd from the *Phrygians*, and spoke the same Language; and *Armenia* was formerly comprehended in great old *Phrygia*.

Obj. 7. The River *Eurotas* is in *Laconia*, and not near *Dodona*.

Ans. There is another *Eurotas* in *Theſſaly*, near *Dodona*, and it runs into *Peneus*.

Obj.

Obj. 8. The Names of God are Jewish, and the worship by Sacrifices.

Ans. All these Names were known at Babylon, from whence the Sibyl came; and the Jewish Sacrifices were Types of the Christian Worship.

Some of these Objections were answer'd by *Vossius*, who thought them trivial.

Obj. 9. *Vossius* mentions a Prophecy before our Saviour's Birth, that a King should be born, who should govern all Nations; and, that this must come from the Jews, and therefore they impos'd on the Romans this, when they collected these Oracles.

Ans. The *Sibylline Verses* say, this shall happen when *Rome* shall conquer *Egypt*; none of the Jewish Prophets did foretell that Circumstance, and this is a sufficient proof that the *Sibyls* had not this from the Jews, as *Vossius* suspects.

The *Magi* had no notice of Christ's Birth from the Jews, but from *Baalam*, a *Gentile*, who was inspir'd. The *Sibyls* have many Prophesies concerning those Kingdoms, which are not mention'd by the Jewish Prophets, as *Sicily, Italy, Constantinople*.

Obj. 10. *Isaac Vossius* farther says, that the greatest part of the Oracles were made by Christians, anno 120. If this had been true, this Forgery must have been discover'd in the first 400 Years, but no Writer ever mention'd any such thing. *Celsus* only accuses the Oracles as interpolated, but *Origen* denies it.

Ans.

Ans. I will readily reject the Acrosticks, which are now different from what *Dionysius* and *Cicero* mention. The *Cesars* are mention'd, to shew that the succeeding Prophecies belong'd to the *Roman Empire*, and no Christian could tell the following Events without a *Revelation*.

The Names of the Heathen Gods are made use of, which the *Jews* would not do; *Nimrod* is *Saturn*; *Belus*, *Jupiter*; the Father of *Saturn* is *Celum*, and Wife *Rhea*.

Tho' *Nero's* Character be made use of, (*i. e.* his killing his Mother) yet his Name is not mention'd in the Description of the Cruelty of the *Turks* to their own Family. Their Murther of their Brothers and Relations is fitly represented by *Nero's* unnatural Cruelty to his Mother; and the *Turks* are only call'd *Matrum Cesores*, which the *Romans* finding in the Sibyls, apply'd that to *Nero*, who kill'd his Mother; and his flying beyond *Euphrates*, and coming again, was from their Sibyls Book: And that is also a Testimony, that these Books were extant in *Nero's* time,

An Answer to du Pin and his English Commentator, (vol. 2.) That the Christians forg'd the ORACLES.

Object. 1. THE Oracles burnt in the Capitol, A. U. Cons. 571, contain'd the Pagan Superstition, and directed Sports in honour of the Heathen Gods, to build Temples, and offer Sacrifices to the Infernal Gods; but the present Oracles direct no such thing.

Ans. Tarquin had those *Sibylline Verses* mention'd, from a Woman, and those might be a Contrivance of the Devil, to promote Idolatry: The present Oracles were collected by the *Romans*, revis'd in *Augustus's* days, and could come from none without a prophetic Spirit.

Obj. 2. The Oracles describe Christ more plainly than the Jewish Prophets.

Ans. Balaam was a Gentile, and spake plainly of Christ; and the Magi, by their Star, found Christ more certainly than the Jews could by their Prophecies. God does sometimes inspire wicked Men with clear Prophecies.

Obj. 3. The Oracles are the same as the Fathers quoted, and they appear'd first in the Second Century, in the time of *Antoninus Pius.*

Ans.

Ans. 'Tis certain these were collected by the Romans before Christ, and quoted by the Clementine Constitutions, Josephus, and the publick Apologists for Christianity : No body ever told the Author of such Forgeries.

Obj. 4. The Emperors are describ'd after an historical manner, and not after a prophetical one ; the Stile has nothing of the Transport, not like *Homer's*. These Verses are not obscure.

Ans. Why did not these Authors explain these Prophesies, if they be not obscure ? *Diodorus* says, *Homer* took Verses from the *Sibyls*.

Obj. 5. This Impostor, who compos'd the Books of the *Sibyls*, was no Scholar ; he derives *Adas* from *Hades*, and says, that the 4 Letters in *Adam's* Name signify the four Parts of the World ; whereas there are no more than three Letters in it, in the *Hebrew* or *Chaldee* Word.

Ans. This is a Mistake ; for the *Sibyls* say *Ades* is from *Adam* ; *Eft Adas, quod eo primus descenderit Adam*. I will give *Vossius's* Answer to the other part of the Objection ; *Nec tamen verum est quod dicunt tribus tantum apud Hebraeos hanc vocem constare literis, quia nempe compendii gratia, unica vocalis in scribendo omittitur; secus se habet in pronunciatione.* There is in the Oracles very much of Geography, old History, and true Religion ; the Author could not be very ignorant.

Obj. 6. The numeral Letters in G O D's Name are thought an Absurdity.

Ans. To this I will give the Opinion of Vossius : *Neq; recte carpunt quod nomen Dei, in iis Oraculis continere dicitur 1697, cum non satis constat quodnam vocabulum debeat intelligi. Ego lubenter eorum sequor sententiam, qui de voce ἀριχαρΩ, idem quod ἀρεχαρωνΩ, accipiunt.*

Obj. 7. The Fables of the Titans are put for true Histories, Mount Ararat plac'd in Phrygia, the River Eurota in Epirus, Gog and Magog are Ethiopians ; all which shew, that the Impostor neither understood History or Geography.

Ans. I will give Vossius's Answer, *De Saturno & Titanibus que scribuntur in Sibyllinis, non est ut quenquam offendant, cum per Saturnum Noë, & per Titanas intelligantur ejus posteri, qui turrim sint moliti Babyloniam.* All the Northern Mountains in Asia, from Armenia to Tanais, were call'd Ararat.

Obj. 8. 'Tis said of the City of Rome, that it should not last above 948 Years.

Ans. This Number is to be computed from the Rise of the Western Empire : All the other Objections are answer'd above.

These Absurdities follow from du Pin's Opinion :

1. That all the Writers in the four Centuries were impos'd on by this Forgery.

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2. *Justin* affirms in his Questions, that St. *Clement* quoted the *Sibyls*, which *du Pin* denies. *Clemens Alexandrinus* says St. *Paul* quoted the *Sibyls*: *Du Pin* says, the Author is mistaken; he denies that *Josephus* quoted the *Sibyls*, and says, it was added to the Text, but does not prove it.

3. He believes *Celsus*, who says the Oracles were forg'd, more than *Origen*, who deny'd it, and defended them; and *Origen* challenges *Celsus* to produce the ancient Copies of the *Sibyls*, wherein that which the Christians cited was not to be found: How then could these Oracles be newly forg'd, when *Origen* challenges the ancient Copies to be shew'd?

As old *Rome* forbid the reading of the Oracles, because they foretold their Destruction, and forbid their Idolatry, so our modern *Romanists* condemn the *Sibyls*, because they write against worshiping Images, and tell how and when *Rome* must fall. And this is the true Reason why they condemn them as Impostures.

I will leave *Vossius*'s Party to defend the Antiquity of the *Sibyls* against *du Pin*, and let him defend their late Forgeries against *Vossius*. I hope the Histories of the Turkish Conquests, both in *Asia* and *Greece*, will prove the *Sibylline* Oracles to be true. I must appeal from our modern Criticks to the old ones, *Clemens Alexandrinus*, *Origen*, *Eusebius*, St. *Jerome*, *Lactantius*, and St. *Austin*, who all believ'd the Prophecies in the

Sibylline Writings. Can any Modern be clearer sighted than these old Criticks? They liv'd nearer the time of their collection by the *Romans*, and had more correct Copies than we. I am not singular in my Opinion, that these Oracles related to the *Turkish* History; for *Chalchondylas*, who wrote their History, and *Langius*, in his Notes on *Justin*, intimate that they believ'd so.

I find many modern Writers have entertain'd a more favourable Opinion of the *Sibyls*, as *Heylin*, in his Geography of *Egypt*; and the learned Mr. *Eachard*, in his Preface to his excellent and useful Ecclesiastical History, has thus exprefs'd himself: "This great Blessing was design'd for the benefit of the *Gentiles*, as well as the *Jews*. So Providence was no less careful to make way for Christ in the Pagan World; and this was effected by divers methods, particularly by open Revelations and prophetical Words put into the Mouths of *Gentile* Prophets, but more especially by the dispersion of the *Israelites* and *Jews*. Among the prophetical Persons we may reckon *Balaam*, who gave a lively account of the *Messiah*, under the name of a Star coming from *Jacob*. *Hydaspis*, *Trismegistus*, and the *Sibyls*, who were all very particular concerning this Prince, tho' these three latter have been very much question'd by some modern Critics, they were never yet fully disprov'd, their Arguments being rather Presumptious than Proofs.

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ANNALS of the Saracens Conquests.

A. D. 622, **M**uhamed was the first Commander of the Saracens, he fled from Mecca in 622, when his Hegira begins.

637, Omar conquer'd Syria, Persia, Palestine, and Egypt; 640, Persia conquer'd.

638, Jerusalem was taken, after 2 Years Siege; and 'twas then agreed, that the Christians should not wear Turbants, nor part their Hair, as they did, but should wear Girdles, and shave the fore-part of their Head: This is the Mark of the Beast, in the Forehead.

639, all Syria was conquer'd by the Saracens.

641, Antioch was destroy'd, and Damascus taken; Phoenicia invaded, and Egypt subdued.

648, Osman conquer'd Barbary.

655, Mubavids conquer'd Rhodes, Cyprus, and 663 Asia minor, and invaded Sicily.

685, Abdimelec began the Conquest of Mesopotamia and Armenia.

710, the Saracens conquer'd Spain.

Mr. Newton allows 200 Years to the Rise of the Saracens, the Revelations but 150: It came to its height in 772, and from the beginning, 622, it lasted 700 Years: This is so great an Alteration in the Roman Empire, that the Prophesies must take a particular notice both of its Rise and Fall,

- 803, Aaron, the Prince of the Saracens, made Nicephorus the Emperor tributary.
- 807, the Saracens plunder'd Sardinia and Corsica.
- 826, they took Crete.
- 828, the African Saracens invaded Sicily.
- 843, Saba the King of the Moors invaded Sicily, and took Tarentum.
- 845, the Saracens invaded Hetruria and Calabria, and plunder'd Rome.
- 846, they plunder and burn Ancona.
- 879, they invade Lombardy.
- 910, they invade Apulia.
- 935, they plunder Genoa.
- 980, they beat Otto in Italy.

Note, Omar, the second Caliph, (that was both Pontiff and Sovereign) took 36000 Castles, demolish'd 4000 Churches, built 1300 Moschs : These are Antichrist's Wars with the Christians.

The Decline of the Saracen Empire in the East.

- 675, **T**He Saracens receiv'd a great Overthrow at the Siege of Constantinople, and lost their Fleet.
- 700, the Romans in Syria kill'd 20000 Saracens.
- 718, Twenty-two thousand of 'em were slain in Bulgaria.
- 720, they besiege Constantinople 3 Years, where many died by Famine, Plague, and a Fleet of 300 sail were destroy'd. Mr. Newton begins the Declension of their Empire hence.
- 870,

870, the *Perſians*, by the help of the *Turks* from Mount *Caucasus*, overcame the *Saracens* in *Perſia*.

862, the *Egyptians* revolted from the Caliph of *Babylon*, and this Division weaken'd their Empire : The *Africans* and Spanish *Mahometans* depended on the *Egyptian* Caliph, who resided at *Grand Cairo*.

1000, *Elmabel* conquer'd the Caliph of *Cajetan* and *Morocco*, and destroy'd the *Saracens* there. About this time the *Carmatians* invaded *Mecca*, kill'd the Pilgrims, and took away the black Stone they us'd to kiss. The *Saracens* never suffer'd more ; and *Ganabeus* plunder'd their Temple.

1100, In this Century there were five Caliphates, one at *Bagdat*, under the Power of the *Perſians* ; another in *Egypt* ; another at *Corasina* ; another in *India* and the superior Track, and another in *Syria*.

1030, the *Perſian* Sultan call'd in the *Turks* to his assistance against the Caliph at *Babylon*, and the *Turks* then conquer'd *Perſia*.

1055, the *Turks* conquer'd *Pisasyris* the Caliph, and posſeſſ'd *Babylon*, from which time the Caliph lost all his Civil Power, and retain'd only his Spiritual.

1260, the *Tartars* destroy'd *Babylon*, and its last Caliph.

Note, Hitherto is the Description of the *Harvest*, now follows the *Vintage*, which is the Deſtruction of the *Saracens* in the West.

• 721, *Charles Martel* beat the *Saracens* in *France*. • 730,

730, Charles the Great slew 380000 of them in France.

778, Carolemain beat the Saracens in Spain.

845, after the Saracens had sack'd Rome, the greatest part perish'd by Shipwreck.

849, the Pope beat them at *Hastia*.

969, Otto the first Emperor of Germany drove the Saracens out of Italy; and they were drove out of Sicily 878, but they re-gain'd it 899. In 950 *Domesticus* beat them there.

1013, Henry II., Emperor of Germany, drove the Saracens out of Capua.

1056, Robert the Norman rescued Capua.

Note., The Holy War must be reckon'd as part of the Harvest, by which the Saracens were destroy'd in the East.

1097, the first Battel betwixt the Turks and Saracens and Christians, at Nice, in which the Christians slew 40000.

1098, A hundred thousand Saracens slain at Antioch, and at Ascalon as many slain.

1099, Jerusalem was taken, after a bloody Battel; the Bodies slain are said to swim in their own Blood. The Christians kept Jerusalem 88 Years.

1124, the Venetians beat a Fleet of Saracens of 700 sail, and the Roman Galleys another Fleet of 1000 sail.

1170, Saracan conquer'd Egypt, and gave his Turks the Plunder.

*The Rise of the Turkish Empire, and
their History before 1300.*

763, THE Turks made an Incursion into Asia, and return'd to the Fens of Mæotis, whence they first came.

844, they came thro' the Caspian Streights, and passing thro' Iberia, seiz'd on Armenia major, giving it the Name of Turcomannia.

1030, Tangrolopix conquer'd Persia, 214 Years after the Turks came out of Scythia.

1051, the Turks came first into Asia.

1057, Tangralopix took Babylon, and forced the Caliph to create him Emperor.

1073, the Turks being in possession of Persia, came into Syria, and 'twas agreed that Axan should have Persia; Meles and Ducas should have Aleppo and Damascus, and what they could conquer from the Saracens in Syria: And from these came the Turkish Kings at Damascus, who lasted till 1262, when Haalan destroy'd the last.

1079, Jerusalem was taken by the Turks from the Saracens, who conquer'd it in 637.

This Syrian Branch of the Turks, held all of the Persian as Vassals.

1075, To Cutlumus was assign'd an Army, to conquer the Christians in Asia minor, and he conquer'd Media, Armenia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Bithynia; and from him came the Turkish Kings of the Zelzuccian Family. In Asia minor, Solyman his Son was disposseſ'd

seſſ'd of his Estate by the *Christians* in the Holy War.

Occata the *Tartar* having driven the *Turks* out of *Persia* who were of the *Zelzuccian Family*, they fled under the Conduct of *Aladin*, and conquer'd *Cilicia*: He made *Sebastia* his royal Seat, which was afterwards remov'd to *Iconium*; but all the *Zelzuccian Family* were destroy'd by the *Tartars*, or made Tributaries. *Aladin* the second was the last, after whose Death his Princes divided his Dominion.

To *Sarchan* fell *Aeolis*, *Ionia*, part of *Lydia*.

To *Aidin* the rest of *Lydia*, *Phrygia major*, part of greater *Mysia*.

To *Cerasus* the lesser *Phrygia*, with the rest of *Mysia*.

To the Family of *Isfenders*, *Heraclea*, *Sinope*, part of *Pontus*. There were lesser Toparchies, a Prince of *Smyrna*, another of *Amasia*, and a third of *Amisus*.

To *Caraman* the main body of *Aladin's* Kingdom came, *Lycia*, *Lycaonia*, *Pisidia*, *Pamphylia*, *Isauria*, *Cilicia*, with the regal City *Iconium*, greatest part of *Caria*, with *Cappadocia*, *Armenia minor*, and some Towns in *Phrygia*.

The last King of *Caramania* was *Ibrahim* the second, call'd *Pyramus*, he was conquer'd by *Badjazet* the second, and then the *Caramanian* Kingdom was united to the *Ottoman*.

The

The *Ottoman* was the other great Family of the *Turks*, which rose from *Solyman*, the Father of *Orrugal*.

1214, *Solyman* fled from the *Tartars* out of *Persia*, and was drowned in *Euphrates*; he had but a small Kingdom in *Persia*, and *Etrugall* his Son begg'd a small Village from *Aladin* at *Saguta*. His Son was *Ottoman*.

1280, *Ottoman* succeeded, and took *Nice*, and after *Aladin's* Death took the Title of *Sultan*, anno 1300.

1204, The Latins took *Constantinople*, then *Comenus* set up the Empire of *Trapezond*.

1290, The Christians were drove out of the East 1291; many drowned going to *Crete*; the Holy War began 1096. Not only the *Turks* and *Christians* destroy'd the the *Saracens*, but the *Tartars* anno 1220 conquer'd them, as well as the *Turks* in *Persia*.

1264, A terrible Comet appear'd three Months.

1260, *Haalon* the *Tartar* conquer'd *Persia*, and *Babylon*, and burnt the *Mahometan* Temples, they then being Christians.

1262, The *Tartars* destroy'd the *Zelzucian* Family, but the *Mammalukes* recover'd it in 1245, and possess'd *Syria* and *Egypt* till 1516.

1310, *Cassanes* the *Tartar* came into *Syria*, and conquer'd the *Egyptian* Sultan: The *Tartars* held *Asia* 108 Years.

1397, *Tamerlane* flew of the *Turks* and *Saracens* 200000, and conquer'd *Egypt*.

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The Rise of the Turkish Empire, call'd the Ottoman.

A.D. 1300, **O**toman is the first Turkish Sultan, who conquer'd Phrygia, Bithynia, Mysia, and some part of Pontus; the Cities Nice, Neapolis, Prusa: and other of the Turkish Princes seiz'd on Rhodes.

1328, Orchanes took Gallipolis in Thrace, Abydos, Nicomedia, and the Country of Cerasina.

1350, Amurath took Adrianople, with the Thracian Chersonese, the Countries of Servia, and Bulgaria, the Cities Nissa, Apollonia; in 1387 he made War with Aladin the Caramanian King.

1373, Badjazet made himself Master of Thrace, Macedon, Achaea, the Cities Philadelphia in Lydia, Nicopolis in Greece, and besieg'd Constantinople eight Years. In his War with Aladin the Caramanian King, he took Iconium, Larenda, Amasia in Cappadocia, Sebastia, Castrum, and Pontus, Sinope, Despotolis, Hierapolis, Menechia, and in Armenia, Meliton; he beat the Egyptian Sultan, restor'd the King of Bagdet, to Rivacan; he made War in Bosnia, and Walachia, and oppress'd the Mahometan Princes in Asia minor; but Badjazet was beat by Tamerlane the Tartar, and taken Prisoner at Mount Scolla, 1397, and was kept in an Iron Cage.

1399, Solyman succeeded, and conquer'd Badjazet's Sons in *Asia* and *Europe*.

1404, Mahomet reign'd, who conquer'd Isla and Musa, in *Asia* and *Europe*, and the Caramanian King, and recover'd all the Provinces conquer'd by Tamerlane: He conquer'd *Dacia*, *Macedonia*, *Sclavonia*.

1416, Amurath the second was King, who subdu'd the Prince of *Smyrna*, the Aidinian King; he took *Theffalonica* in 1432, and afterwards *Etolia*; then beat the Prince of *Athens*; *Photia* and *Bæotia* submitted, and all *Greece* to *Corinth*: He invaded *Hungary*, and *Transylvania* in 1440; *Hunniades* oppos'd him at *Belgrade*. He defeated the Christians at *Varnas*, and died in the Siege of *Scanderbeg*.

1450, Mahomet the Great beat the Caramanian King, then took *Constantinople*, and turn'd St. *Sophia* into a Mosch, anno 1453: He then became the first Emperor of the Turks, conquer'd *Peloponnesus* and *Trapezond*: *Lesbos* was taken 1452, *Chalcis* in *Eubœa*, anno 1470, *Bosnia* 1454, *Caffa* in the *Taurica*: *Chersonesus* was taken from the *Genoese*, and the Tartars *Præcopenses* and *Destenses* submitted to the Ottomans: He conquer'd *Albania*, made Incursions into *Dalmatia*; *Istria*, *Carniola*, *Triuli*, *Scodra* were surrender'd by the *Venetians*, anno 1478; he besieg'd *Rhodes* in vain, but took *Orranto* in *Italy*: He destroy'd the Temple and Images at *Constantinople*, call'd the Crucifix the *God of the Christians*; three days the Soldiers kill'd, pillag'd

pillag'd, and ravish'd the Citizens; the Emperor and Nobles were slain.

1460, the Empire of *Trapezond* was conquer'd, *David* the Emperor beheaded: And besides the two Empires, the *Turks* took from the *Christians* 12 Kingdoms, and conquer'd 200 Cities.

1481, *Bajazet* the second subdu'd the *Caramanian* Kingdom, part of *Armenia*, and drove the *Venitians* out of the *Morea*, and their part of *Dalmatia*.

1512, *Selymus*, Emperor after he had poyson'd his Father, conquer'd *Syria*, *Palestine*, *Arabia*, and the *Mammalukes* in *Egypt*.

1520, *Solyman* the second, the Magnificent, surpriz'd *Rhodes*, *Belgrade*, *Buda*, with a great part of *Hungary*; *Babylon*, *Affyria*, *Mesopotamia* were conquer'd by him: He besieg'd *Vienna*, 1529, but was drove out of *Germany* again the first time; and from this time the declination of the *Turkish* Empire may be reckon'd; for after the Reformation the *Sibyls* say no more of the *Turkish* Conquests, altho' since they have taken some Countries.

1567, *Selymus* the second took from the *Venetians*, *Cyprus*; and from the *Moors* the Kingdoms of *Tunis* and *Algiers*.

1575, *Amurath* the third took from the *Persians*, *Armenia*, *Media*, the City *Taurus*.

1595, *Mahomet* the third took *Agria* in *Hungary*.

1603, Achmet was Emperor, and he made Peace with the Germans.

1618, Mustapha succeeded.

1618, Osman was Emperor; he was unsuccessful in his War with Poland, and was slain by the Janizaries.

1623, Amurath the fourth recover'd Babylon from the Persians, 1638.

1640, Ibrahim was unsuccessful in his Wars with the Venetians, and depos'd.

1648, Mahomet the fourth, whose Army was beat at the Siege of Vienna 1683, he took Candia from the Venetians.

1687, Solyman the third lost Hungary, and some part of Sclavonia, Servia, Transylvania, Moldavia, Walachia.

1691, Achmet the second, he succeeded by the help of the French Faction.

1694, Mustapha the second succeeded; he concluded a Peace with the Christians at Carlowitz, 1698.

1703, The Janizaries mutinied, and set up Achmet, who is the 24th Ottoman Emperor, and 14th King of Egypt, Selymus being the first.

I have here describ'd the Saracen and Turkish Empires, to shew the great Changes they made in the Roman Empire, and the Prophesies must therefore take notice of them: The Fall of the Saracens is signified by the Destruction in the Harvest and Vintage; the Fall of the Ottomans is describ'd in the seven Vials.

1571, The *Turks* maritime Power sunk in the Battel of *Lepanto*, where the Christians took, burnt, and sunk 230 Ships; the Sea seem'd red with Blood, and since that time the *Turks* have never been considerable at Sea. I have been often of Opinion that this might be the second Vial; but we find the *Turkish Empire* encreas'd till the Siege
Turks kill'd in and taking of *Candia*, anno 1669, since which, the Siege of
Candia.
 So,—754 it has declin'd at the late Siege of *Vienna*: But the *Sibyls* reckon its declination from the Return of the *Jews*, when a Plague, fiery Showre, Famine, and Earthquakes will weaken the Empire of the *Ottomans*. The full description of the Fall of the *Turkish Empire* may be read in the fifth Book of the Oracles, which foretel great Changes in the *Ottoman Empire* after the 15th King of *Egypt*. *Selymus* is the first, and the 14th now reigns.

ib. 8th of
the Oracles.

*Some Enquiries after particular Histories,
to which some Prophecies relate.*

THE General Changes in the History of the *Roman Empire* are very evident, but the Earthquakes, Inundations, and other Prodigies are lost, or will be difficultly retriev'd; and a particular History of the *Turkish Conquests* in *Asia minor* is frequently refer'd to, in the third Book. I cannot find some Circumstances of them describ'd in the com-

common Histories of the *Turks*, the want of that will make the Prophesies more obscure, like the old *Jewish* Prophesies, whose Histories are lost; I must therefore refer the Reader to the *Bizantine* History, and *Chalcocondylas*, &c.

ENQUIRIES.

Book 2. When the Star appear'd like a Crown? the Star at Christ's Birth, or the Pillar of Light, in *Constantine's* Banner, represented with a Cross and Crown on the top. This is most probable, the Historians mention it.

Book 3. When the *Asiatic* and *European* Cities fell by Earthquakes, *Iassis*, *Cebre*, *Pandoa*.

When *Tanais* River left *Meotis*.

Who the *Erinnys* in *Sparta* was.

Who the old Poet *Chion* was, who imputed all Success to the Saints falsely.

What *Sidonian* King invaded *Samos*.

When the Earthquakes destroy'd the Armies in *Cyprus*.

When *Trallis* fell by an Earthquake, and the hot Spring broke forth.

When *Samos* built Royal Cities.

When the *Thracians* were remov'd, *ad alios ventos*.

When *Cyrnus* and *Sardo* sunk in the Sea.

Whether *Carchedon* is not mistaken for *Chalcedon*.

Book 4. When the River *Pyramus* came to the Holy Island *Cyprus*; and when the Greeks fled from *Bactria*.

Whether *Pyramus* was *Ibrahim* the second, a Caramanian King, for in *Opsopœus's* Fragments 'tis said, *de Cilicii autem adventu in Cyprum, sapientissima mulierum sic ad verbum dicit. Erit posteris quando Pyramus late unde littora perfundens, sacram in Cyprum veniet.*

When the darkness happen'd in the time of the *Medes*, the Earth quaked then, and Islands rose.

Where and when the City in *Sicily* was drowned.

The 20 Years Famine in *Egypt*.

Book 5. When *Nile* did overflow *Egypt*, and rose 16 Cubits.

What Poets describ'd the Miseries of *Greece* under the Conquests of the *Turks*.

When was the Burning of *India* and *Aethiopia* by the Sun.

Where *Lesbos* on *Eridanus* is or was.

Who *Soës* is.

Who was the *Lycurgus* at *Smyrna*.

Book 7. When *Cyprus* suffer'd an Inundation, and *Sicily* the same.

Where *Sardo* Island was.

What part of the *Alps* is cover'd with Sand, which belongs to the *Celtæ*.

Book 8. When *Egypt* shall have 15 Kings. Who *Hilara* will be.



The

The Copy of the *Sibyls* is more corrupt than that of any ancient Authors ; we want a more correct Manuscript than has yet been met with.

He that considers the multitude of Places, Persons, and Histories to which the Oracles relate, cannot suppose that they were writ by any Person ignorant of History and Geography, as is pretended ; the *Revelation* names few places, but the *Sibyls* many ; and by considering the past History of those Places, we may find those Events which the Prophesies respect ; and by the Events we find out the time each Prophesy respects : And if we did not keep the true order in Chronology, it would be impossible to know to what Events each Prophesy belongs.

Many Grammatical Niceties want to be corrected, as well as the Measure of the Verses ; and a more correct Translation ought to be made from the *Greek* into *Latin* Prose ; for the Sense can never be fully express'd in Verse.

I have not concern'd my self in considering the exact Times of particular Actions, but have set down those which occur'd to me in common Authors ; and as 'tis usual for Historians to relate many things which preceded, and many Events which happen'd after the History of the Age they have undertaken to describe, so it is in Prophesies ; they report many things past, to make things they are to predict more easily apprehended : And when they respect the Fate

of some particular Persons, or Places, they continue the Predictions to the End of the World, to avoid Confusion, which would happen by their being intermix'd with the general Fate of Kingdoms. So the History and Prophecy of Antichrist, in the third Book, begins with *Mahomet*, and is continu'd to the End of the World: And the History of our Saviour, in the first Book, is continu'd till the Destruction of *Jerusalem*. The same is done in *Revelations*, ch. 11. The History of the Wars of the *Saracens* and *Turks* is continu'd to the End of the World, to avoid the Confusion which would happen by intermixing that with the Destruction of both. And this general Remark may be made, that the Oracles relate little of the Affairs of the *Affyrian*, *Persian*, and *Grecian* Monarchies, but chiefly insist on those of the *Roman*, in the last Ages of the World, till which Time it must continu.

*The Historical Exposition of DANIEL,
Chap. II, which relates to the Saracen,
King of the South, and the Turk, the
King of the North.*

Vers. 1. **T**HIS belongs to the former Chapter.

2. *There shall stand up yet three Races of Kings in Persia, after Cyrus, the Macedonian,*
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Parthian, and the fourth in the *Persian Dynasty*, set up by *Artaxerxes*, A. D. 228. This Race warred with the Emperors of the East, who had then the *Grecian Kingdoms*: *Cosroes* took from *Heraclius Mesopotamia, Syria, and Jerusalem*.

Note, The *Sibylline Oracles* use the Name of *Greece* in their description of the *Turkish Conquests*.

3. *A mighty King shall rise, and do according to his Will.* This is *Omar the Saracen*, who conquer'd *Hormisdas* and *Persia*, in 634.

4. *Omar divided Persia into several Sultanies, and his Kingdom was at last divided into many Caliphates, and was pull'd up by the Turks and Tartars:* These were the others, besides the *Saracens*, who first conquer'd *Persia*.

5. *The Saracen Caliphs are the Kings of the South, who came out of Arabia;* such was *Omar and Muhavias*, who had a great Kingdom.

6. And after the *Saracen Kingdom* had stood about 200 Years, *Mahomet, the Saracen Sultan in Persia*, invited *Tangrolopix*, with his *Turks*, from *Armenia major*, to assist him against the Caliph of *Babylon*; and then he conquer'd *Persia*, and both *Turks* and *Saracens* (*the Daughter of the South*) join'd in the *Mahometan Religion*, and made *Tangrolopix* their King, also King of the North, (i. e. *Babylon*) as well as *Persia* and *Armenia*. This was the sixth *Dynasty in Persia*: But

the Saracens should not retain the Government, neither should he (the Turks) stand, being in a small time conquer'd by the Tartars, in 1260 ; and the Turks conquer'd Persia in 1030.

Note. This is the general History of the Kings of the South and North, the particular Actions and Battles follow.

7. Omar conquer'd Hormidas, who was a Heathen Prince in Persia, by Muhavia his General.

8. And Muhavia carried the Persian Riches and Gods into Egypt, where he had built Grand Cairo : The Saracens continued their Kingdom in Egypt more Years than the Turkish Kingdom in Persia, this being pull'd up by the Tartars in 1260, but the Caliphs in Egypt continued till 1517.

Note. Esdras, lib. 2, describes the King of the South, ch. 15, v. 29. *The Nations of the Dragons of Arabia shall come out with many Chariots, and the multitude of them shall be carried as the Wind upon the Earth.* And none but the Saracens came so out of Arabia. Ver. 30, is the Rise of the Turks, there call'd the Carmanians.

9. *The King of the North shall enter into the Kingdom of the King of the South ;* (so'tis in the Greek) that is, the Turks made many Incursions upon them, and return'd into Armenia again.

10. But their Posterity under Tangrolopix shall overcome the Saracens in Persia, and afterwards take their Royal Seat Babylon.

11. After the Turks had taken Babylon, the Arabian Saracens beat Tangrolopix's Army under Cutlumuses.

12. And in a second Battel the Arabians beat the Army under Tangrolopix himself.

Note. This War is describ'd by Esdras, ch. 15, v. 30. *And with great power shall they come, and joyn battel with them, and shall waste a portion of the Land of the Assyrians. And then shall the Dragons have the upper hand.*

13. The King of the North, Axan the Turk, King of Babylon and Persia, conquer'd some part of Syria; Esdr. 15. 33. *And from the Land of Assyria shall the Enemy besiege them, and consume some of them.* That is, the Persians and Turks, under Mesec and Ducas, came over Euphrates, and rais'd the first Kingdom in Syria at Damascus, about 1075; and they took Syria from the Saracen Caliphs in Egypt. Esdr. ver. 35. *They shall smite on one another, and smite down a great multitude of Stars, (Princes.)*

14. At that time there were Distractions in the Saracen Empire, and the Christians in the West began the Holy War, A. D. 1096, and these are call'd the Robbers of thy People.

15. The Turks then possess'd Aleppo, and Damascus in Syria, 1075; and Cutlumuses, another of the Turkish Generals, seiz'd many strong Cities and Provinces in Asia minor, and the Saracens were not able to resist 'em.

16. And

16. And the *Turks* conquer'd *Jerusalem* A. D. 1079, the glorious Land which the *Saracens* took A. D. 637.

17. *Axan* the *Persian* Sultan assisted *Cutlumus* in conquering *Media*, *Armenia*, *Cappadocia*, *Pontus*, and *Bithynia*; the upright ones with him were the *Christians*, who joyn'd with him against the *Constantinopolitan* Emperors; but they did not long assist him, tho' he corrupted them by the Liberty he gave of many Wives, and Intermarriages betwixt the Children of *Axan* and *Basiliss* the Emperor.

18. After this the *Turks* took some of the *Asian* Islands, and conquer'd their corrupt or cowardly Governours. By the *Isles* the Maritime Towns are describ'd, and these were retaken by the *Christians* in the Holy War.

19. *Solyman* was *Cutlumus*'s Son, and he was drove out of *Asia minor* by the Christian Armies, who took *Nice* and *Iconium* from the *Turks*.

20. And a Branch of a Kingdom shall arise, and stand up in his Estate. A new Kingdom of the *Turks* shall arise from them that fled from *Persia* under *Aladin*, who was a Branch of the *Zelzuccian* Family; and that decay'd by degrees, being, after *Aladin* II, divided amongst many of his Captains.

21. These Captains of *Aladin* had not the Honour of the Kingdom of *Aladin*, tho' they were petty Princes in *Asia minor*; and were afterwards conquer'd by *Ottoman* and his

his Successors. Or, this may relate to the Turkish Sultan at *Damascus*, *Norradine*, who sent *Saracon* to assist the Sultan of *Egypt* against the Christians, and he seiz'd *Egypt*. And this vile Person may be *Saracon*.

22. And he shall overflow, and conquer. His Nephew *Saladin* kill'd the Caliph of *Egypt*, 1170; and he conquer'd the Christians, and took *Guy* King of *Jerusalem* 1187.

23. He made a Truce with the Christians for ten Years, and afterwards conquer'd their Cities, dealt deceitfully, and us'd the Treachery of the Count of *Tripoly*, thereby breaking the Strength of all the Christians in the East. In 1177, *Saladin* first invaded *Palestine*, and was often beat by the Christians.

24. After *Norradin's* Death, *Saladin* was invited by the Turks at *Damascus* to reign, (in the room of *Melech sala*, the Son of *Norradine*, whom they despis'd) and possess'd *Egypt*, dividing the Riches of it amongst his Turkish Soldiers. The Turks kept *Egypt* till the time of the *Mammalukes*.

25. *Saladin* left behind him nine Sons, all murder'd by *Sephradin*. From *Sephradin* descended *Meladin* Sultan of *Egypt*, and *Coradin* Sultan of *Damascus*. *Seladin's* Kingdom being now again divided, 1190, *Frederic* the Emperor beat *Sephradin*, *Seladin's* Son. 1191 *Ptolemais* was taken; the Christians took *Damiara* from *Meladin* the *Egyptian* Sultan, and besieg'd *Grand Cairo*, about 1200. 1248 the King of *France* took

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Daniela in Egypt; Meladin then died, and Melechfala succeeded him. 1250 the French King was taken Prisoner.

26. At that time the *Mammalukes* kill'd *Melechfala* in *Egypt*, and these are they who were fed as his Janisaries and Slaves: Their Kingdom continued 267 Years, and they afterwards fought with the *Christians* and *Tartars*.

27. Both these two Kingdoms (*Egypt* and *Damascus*) shall be to do mischief. *Coradin* raz'd *Jerusalem*; *Frederic* the Emperor had sign'd a Truce for ten Years, 1229 the *Templars* broke it, and the *Egyptian* Sultan took *Gaza* and *Askelon*, and (A. D. 1234) razed *Jerusalem*, not sparing the Sepulch're; and *Melechfala*, who succeeded him, crav'd Aid of the Sultan of *Damascus* against the *French* King.

29. At that time the *Christians* under the *French* King shall return to the South and *Egypt*, and be repuls'd by the *Mammalukes*.

30. For the Ships of *Shittim*, the Western Christians shall attack *Africa* and *Egypt*; and the *Mammalukes*, in 1234, prophaned *Jerusalem*.

Note, All the preceding Prophesies relate to the *Zelzuccian* Family in *Syria* and *Egypt*, and another Branch of it in *Asia minor*, at first under *Cuthmuses*, and another under *Aladin*. What follows relates to the *Ottoman* Family, whom the Septuagint calls *owq̄aJa ḫ̄v̄*.

31. And these ὀνίφυλα ἀράσηνται are the Ottoman Family, who shall rise up about 1280, and shall defile the Sanctuary of the Kingdom (i. e. St. Sophia) A. D. 1453, when Constantinople was taken by Mahomet the Great; and they shall take away the daily Service of the Christians, ἴνδιλχισμόν, and shall set up a false Worship in that Church of St. Sophia, by turning it into a Turkish Mosch, which will be the Effect of that Desolation.

32. Othoman and his Successors shall corrupt the Jews and Heathens, who were ignorant of the Christian Covenant; but the true Christians will fight for their Religion.

33. The Christians shall fall by the Sword, by Fire, Captivity, and by Spoil, many Days. That is the *time, times, and half a time*, mention'd in Chap. 7.

34. During this Oppression of the Turkish Empire, was the Holy War; and after that the Cham Cassanes (A. D. 1310) help'd the Christians, and so did Tamerlane at last. About 1400, these defeated the Egyptian Sultan, and made the Turks of the Zelzucian Family Tributaries; and Haolan came first to their help, before the Ottoman Race began, in 1262.

35. These Sufferings were permitted, to try the Patience of the Christians.

36. The Turks of the Oguzian Family shall tyranize, and exalt themselves above every God (Christ) and all the Heathen Gods, they preferring Mahomet above 'em all, and assuring

ming to their Emperors the highest Titles.

37. Neither shall the *Turks*, who were Heathens at first, regard the God of their Fathers, for they turn'd *Mahometans* in *Persia*; and they shall not regard the Desire of Women, their Children, nor their Husbands, from whom he allows a divorce, and many Concubines; and he will force all with his Religion, not regarding any other God:

38. But shall honour *Maossem, Mahomet*, the *Saracen* God of Forces, and make Presents to his Temple at *Mecca*.

39. He shall divide all the Countries conquer'd to his Soldiers, and force all Places of Strength to receive his Religion.

40. The King of the South (the *Mammalukes* in *Egypt*) shall push at the *Turk*, (*Selymus*, 1517) but he, by an Army at Land and a Navy by Sea, conquer'd the *Egyptian* Sultan.

41. *Selymus* then enter'd *Palestine* and *Syria*, and conquer'd them, but the *Arabians* escap'd, who made frequent Incursions on his Army in its march.

42. The Land of *Egypt* was then subdu'd to the *Turks*.

43. *Selymus* carried out of *Egypt* by Sea all the Riches to *Constantinople*, and he subdu'd the *Libyans* and *Aethiopians*.

44. Tidings out of the East and North shall trouble him, (for *Selymus* heard a Report, that *Ismael* of *Persia* would invade him) therefore he shall destroy many, he being a cruel Prince.

Prince. Or rather this relates to the last Times of the Turks; when the Persians and Tartars shall invade them, according to the Sibylline Oracles, who mention these Tidings of the Jews returning.

45. *And he shall plant the Tabernacle of his Palace between the Seas, in the glorious holy Mountain,* [i. e. the Ottomans shall come to besiege Jerusalem, as Gog is describ'd to do by Ezekiel and Zechariah] and there receive a fatal Overthrow.

Dan. Ch. 12, Ver. 1. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a Nation. This is the Description of a second Invasion of the Turks, when they shall take Jerusalem, as is describ'd in Zechariah, Chap. 14.

Ver. 2. And many that sleep in the Earth shall awake. Then shall be the Resurrection.

3. And they that be wise shall be as the brightness of the Firmament. This is a short Description of the Millennium.

Note, There are two Questions in this Chapter, the first Vers. 6. *How long shall it be to the end of these Wonders?* that is, till the Jews Dispersion is finish'd. Ver. 7, is the Answer, *A time, and times, and half a time.* And this is plainly the whole time of Antichrist's Kingdom: See *Dan. ch. 7, v. 25.* *They shall be given into his hands until a time, and times, and the dividing of time.* And if this be the computation of Antichrist's Kingdom, then the 11th Chapter is a description of it: And this is interpreted by *St. John, Revelat. ch. 11, ver. 2.*

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The Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months ; that is from A. D. 637, 1260 Years.

The second Question is, *Dan. ch. 12, ver. 8.* *What shall be the end of these things ?* Τι τὰ ἔχασα τέτον, how long will the last things continue? viz. The time of Trouble, such as never was since there was a Nation, Ver. 1. of this Chapter. The Answer to this is a twofold Computation, *ver. 11.* From the time the daily Service of the Christians (not Sacrifice) shall be taken away, (or chang'd, ἀνδ νωρὶς παρελλήξεις, εἰσπίκησις) and this will be, according to *Zech. 14,* when the Nations shall be gather'd against Jerusalem, and take it : And this is the time of the slaying the two Witnesses, *Rev. 11,* three Days and a half, that is three Years and a half, 1260 Days : But *Daniel* adds 30 more, 1290, when the *Antichrist* will receive his fatal Blow. These are only the continuance of the time of the Troubles mention'd in the first Verse, for so *Daniel* had made a computation of the time of *Antiochus's Oppression of the Jews,* in *ch. 8, v. 14,* 2300 Days.

V. 12. Blessed is he that cometh to the 1335 Days : Then all the time of Trouble will be perfectly ended, and the Millennium and the Resurrection begin.

13. *Thou shalt stand in the lot at the end of the Days,* last computed. The beginning of this Computation must be when *Jerusalem* is taken, as is describ'd by *Zechariah, ch. 14,* then the Christian Service shall cease for so many Days, 1290.

Note, That *Daniel* observes the historical order of Events, the *Roman Kingdom* last of the four Empires, and the little Horn after the division into ten

ten Horns, and the Judgment shall sit, and take away his Dominion.

Daniel, Chap. 8, pursues the order of History, and relates the Fate of the *Perſian Empire*, That it shall be conquer'd by the *Grecians*, and then that shall be divided into 4 parts, and one of these shall take away the Daily Sacrifice *Avvia*, (not *Avdias*) and defile the Sanctuary 2300 Days.

Daniel, Chap. 9, relates the Destruction of *Jerusalem* by the *Romans*, after the coming of Christ, who caus'd the *Avvia* to cease, by destroying the Temple.

Daniel, Chap. 10, has another Vision, which in order of History must begin after Christ, and the Destruction of *Jerusalem* by *Titus*: And, to introduce this History, he mentions three more Races of Kings after *Cyrus*, in whose Reign he had this Vision, and then follows the History of the *Saracens*, St. John's first Beast; and the *Turk* is his second.

Note, St. Jerome at first began the Mistake, in applying the 11th Chapter of *Daniel* to the History of the *Grecian Empire*; but confesses, that the latter end belongs to *Antichrist*. And this Opinion *Grotius* follows. But 'tis evident, that the Affairs of the *Grecian Empire*, so far as concern'd the *Jews*, were sufficiently predicted in Chap. 13, And the Duration of that Affliction is different from the Computation in Chap. 12; therefore Chap. 11. can refer only to the Rise of the *Saracen King* of the South, and the *Turk* the King of the North: And he who will compare the coming of the *Turk* over *Euphrates*, his Conquests in Sy-

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Asia, Africa, and Europe, which are describ'd by the Sibylline Oracles, and many other Particulars there mention'd, concerning the Destruction of Constantinople, the Wars of Solomon in Egypt, the Return of the Jews, the Destruction of Gog, &c. will think this Exposition more probable, because agreeing with all the other Prophesies.

By the Verses noted the Text must be compar'd with this Exposition; the Text being omitted because it may be had readily in every one's Bible. I must add, That the Septuagint is more correct than the English Translation, which differs from the other very much; and we want a fuller History of the first Battels betwixt the Saracens and Turks, the History of the Turks in Syria, and the Conquest of Persia by the Saracens. Many Circumstances in these Histories are necessary, but are omitted by our Historians.

The Old Prophets and Esdras compar'd with the Sibyls and Revelations.

THE Old Prophets and *Esdras* agree with the Sibyls and Revelations in these three things; 1st, That the Jews shall return from their present Captivity; 2^{dly}, That Anti-christ shall come, and afflict the Jewish Nation, and be destroy'd afterwards; 3^{rdly}, That Christ's Reign shall succeed in a happy Millennium.

1. I will first shew the agreement of the Old Prophets, in asserting the return of the Jews. And it must be observ'd that all the Old Prophets first declare GOD's Judgments against

against the Jews, which must succeed in following Ages, not only before CHRIST, but after, till the End of the World; as is most evident in *Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah*. And after these Afflictions, the Prophets promise GOD's Mercy to that Nation, and a long Prosperity of that Kingdom, after their return from their Captivity.

Deut. chap. 30. ver. 4. Moses tells the *Israelites*, that GOD would deliver them from their Captivity when they return'd to their Obedience. *Ver. 4.* If any of thine be driven out into the uttermost parts of Heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather them. *Ver. 5.* And the Lord thy God will bring them into the Land which thy Fathers possess'd, and thou shalt possess it.

Hosea, in his Prophesies, chiefly prophesies concerning the People in *Samaria*, and calls them *Israelites*; by which he distinguishes the ten Tribes from *Judah*.

Hos. chap. 1. ver. 10. Yet the number of the Children of Israel shall be as the Sand of the Sea.

Ver. 11. Then shall the Children of Judah, and the Children of Israel be gather'd together, and appoint themselves one Head; and they shall come out of the Land; for great shall be the Day of Jezebel. *Jezebel* is a City of the Ephraimites. *Jeremiah, ch. 30. v. 9,* calls their Prince *David* their King.

Hos. ch. 3. ver. 4. And the Children of Israel (not of *Judah*, who only return'd with another Tribe, after the Babylonish Captivity) shall abide many days, without a King, and

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without a Prince, and without a Sacrifice, and without an Image, and without a Teraphim.

Ver. 5. Afterwards shall the Children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their King, and shall fear the Lord and his Goodness in the latter days.

Hos. chap. 14. ver. 7. They that dwell under his Shadow shall return, they shall revive as the Corn, and grow up as the Vine.

Ver. 8. Ephraim shall say, What have I more to do with Idols? The Name Ephraim belongs to the ten Tribes, and not to Judah.

Amos, chap. 9, prophesied against Samaria, and when he had threaten'd its Destruction, ver. 8, he says, I will not utterly destroy the House of Jacob, saith the Lord.

Ver. 10. All the Sinners of my People shall die by the Sword.

Ver. 11. In that day will I raise up the Tabernacle of David, that is fallen.— And I will build it as in the days of old.

Ver. 14. And I will bring again the Captivity of my People Israel, and they shall build the waste Cities and inhabit them.

Ver. 15. And I will plant them on their Land, and they shall be no more pull'd up out of the Land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

After Joel had declar'd the Time of the Messiah, in Chap. 3. ver. 1, he says, In that time when I shall bring again the Captivity of Judah and Jerusalem. Ver. 2. I will gather all Nations in the Valley of Jechosaphat, and plead

plead with them there for my People, and for my Heritage Israel, whom they have scatter'd amongst the Nations, and parted my Land.
Ver. 16. The Lord will be the hope of his People, and the Strength of the Children of Israel.
Ver. 17. Then shall Jerusalem be holy, and no Stranger (Invader) shall pass thro' her any more.

Micah, ch. 5. ver. 3. Then the remnant of his Brethren shall return unto the House of Israel.

Note, That Micah before this spoke of Christ's Birth at Bethlehem; and after this, prophesies of his conquering Gog.

Obadiah is of the same Age as Hosea, Joel, Amos, or that of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Obad. ver. 19. They shall possess the Fields of Ephraim, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.
Ver. 20. And the Captivity of this Host of the Children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even to Sarepta, and the Captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sapharad, shall possess the Cities of the South. Ver. 21. *And the Kingdom shall be the Lord's.* This is in the Millennium.

Zephaniah was in the days of Josiah, ch. 3.
ver. 20. At that time I will bring you again;
— When I turn back your Captivity before your Eyes. Ver. 14. The Persons that are to be deliver'd are noted thus: *Sing, O Daughter of Sion, shout, O Israel.*

Isaiah, Chap. 10, first foretells the Destruction of Israel, Judah, and the Assyrians, who destroy'd Samaria and Ephraim.

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Chap. 11. He comforts *Israel* by promising their Return from their Captivity.
 Ver. 11. *The Lord will set his Hand a second time to recover the Remnants of his People from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cushi, and from Elam, and from Hamath, and from the Islands of the Sea ; ver. 12, and from the four Corners of the Earth.* Ver. 13, Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. By this the twelve Tribes are describ'd.
 Ver. 16. *And there shall be an highway for the Remnant of his People.*

Isaiah, chap. 27. ver. 13. The great Trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come who were ready to perish.

Ver. 12. *Ye shall come one by one of you, O House of Israel.*

Ver. 6, *Israel shall blossom and bud.*

All this must be after the Destruction of Leviathan, (or Antichrist, the Turk) ver. 1.

Isa. chap. 43. ver. 6. I will say to the North, Give up; and to the South, Keep not back: Bring my Sons from far, and my Daughters from the ends of the Earth; from the East and West, v. 3.

Ver. 1. This is spoke of Jacob and Israel.

Ver. 7, *of every one that is call'd by my Name.*

Isa. chap. 66. ver. 20. And they shall bring all your Brethren, out of all Nations, upon Harness, and in Chariots, —————— to my Holy Mountain Jerusalem.

Fer. chap. 30. ver. 3. I will bring again the Captivity of Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: I will cause them to return to the Land that I gave to their Fathers, and they shall possess it.

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Jer. chap. 31. ver. 5. Thou shalt yet plant
Vines in the Mountains of Samaria.

Ver. 6. The Watchmen upon Mount Ephraim
shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Sion.

Ver. 8. Behold, I will bring them from the
North Country, and gather them from the Coasts
of the Earth.

Ver. 9. I am a Father to Israel; and Ephraim
is my first-born.

Ver. 18. I have heard Ephraim bewailing
himself, —— turn thou me, and I shall be
turned; for thou art the Lord my God.

Ver. 20. Is Ephraim my dear Son? ——
I will surely have Mercy on him, saith the
Lord.

Ver. 21. Set thou up way-marks, —— turn
again to these thy Cities.

Note, Since the ten Tribes are always describ'd
by Ephraim, this Chapter is a clear Prophecy of
their Return.

Daniel, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel prophesied
in the time of Judah's Captivity.

Dan. 12. ver. 1. And at that time thy People
shall be deliver'd.

Ver. 7. When he shall accomplish to scatter
(finish the dispersion) the Power of the holy
People, all those things shall be finished; (that
is, the destruction of Antichrist mention'd
in Chap. 11.)

Ezekiel chap. 37. ver. 11. These Bones are
the whole House of Israel.

Ver. 12. I will open your Graves, and bring
you into the Land of Israel.

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Ver. 16. *The Stick of Judah and Ephraim.*

Ver. 17. *Join them together into one Stick.*

Ver. 41. *I will take the Children of Israel from among the Heathen, and bring them into their own Land.*

Ver. 22. *And make them one Nation upon the Mountains of Israel, and one King shall be King to them all.*

Ver. 24. *And David my Servant shall be over them.*

Ver. 26. *I will make a Covenant of Peace with them; it shall be an everlasting Covenant, and I will set my Sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.* Ver. 27, 28.

Ezek. ch. 39, ver. 25. *Now will I bring again the Captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole House of Israel.*

Note, The two Sticks represent the twelve Tribes, who must return, and then be govern'd by a King. And Chap. 38, God must come after their Return, ver. 8, *In the latter days thou shalt come into the Land that is brought back from the Sword, and is gathered out of many People.*

Note farther, That after the Jews return, they shall have a Sanctuary for their old Service, and that Sanctuary and Altar are measur'd, chap. 40. The Ceremonies of Circumcision, observing the Sabaoth and New Moons, are describ'd in the following Chapter.

Ezek. 47, ver. 15. *This shall be the Border whereby you shall inherit the Land, according to the twelve Tribes of Israel.* Chap. 48. is a full Description how Judæa must be divided

vided amongst them ; and the measure of the City was round 18000 Measures, and the Name of it, The Lord is there, Ver. 35. This has not yet happen'd, for only two Tribes return'd after the Babylonish Captivity ; and the Tribes did not possess the Land in that manner, nor were govern'd by Kings, but for the most part by the High-priest.

Zech. 10, v. 6. I will strengthen the House of Judah, and save the House of Joseph, (i. e. the ten Tribes) and I will bring them again to place them, — and they shall be as if I had not cast them out.

Ver. 7. — *And they of Ephraim (the ten Tribes) shall be like a mighty Man.*

Ver. 8. *And I will hiss for them, and gather them, for I have redeemed them.*

Ver. 9. *And they shall remember me in far Countries, and they shall live with their Children, and turn again.*

Note, That Zechariah, Haggai, and Malachi prophesied after the Return of the two Tribes, whose Return is describ'd in Chap. 8. of Zechariah.

Malachi, Ch. 3, Ver. 17. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I make up my Jewels, and I will spare them as one sparing his Son.

Ver. 18. *Then shall ye return, and discern betwixt the Righteous and the Wicked.*

Chap. 4, Ver. 2. But unto you that fear my Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in his Wings.

Esdras,

Esdras, Book II, Ch. 13; contains a particular Account of the Return of the Jews from their Captivity; as the Angel interprets the Vision.

Ver. 25. The Man coming from the midst of the Sea.

26. *The same is he whom God the Highest hath kept a great season, which by his own self shall deliver his Creature.*

32. *Then shall my Son be declared, whom thou sawest as a Man ascending.*

35. *And he shall stand on Mount Sion.*

36. *And Sion shall come, and shall be shew'd to all Men, being prepared and builded, like as thou sawest the Hill graven without Hands.*

39. *And whereas thou sawest that he gather'd another peaceable multitude unto him,*

40. *Those are the ten Tribes, which were carried away Prisoners out of their own Land, in the time of Osea the King, whom Salmanasar the King of Assyria led away captive; and he carried them over the Waters.*

46. *Then dwelt they there until the latter time; and now, when they shall begin to come,*

47. *The Highest shall stay the Springs of the Streams again, that they may go through.*

49. *And when he hath destroy'd the multitude of the Nations that are gather'd together, he shall defend his People that remain.*

Note, St. Jerome, in his Comment on Ezekiel, acknowledges, that the Jews in his time believ'd the ten Tribes should return to a glorious Jerusalem, and there use Circumcision, offer Sacrifices, and

and observe their Sabaoths ; and he confesses that many Christians held the same. So did Tertullian, in his Book *de Spe Fidelium*; and Laftantius, in his Institutions, lib. 7; and Bp Victorinus Pictaviensis, in his Expositions; and Severus, in his Dialogue he call'd *Gallo*; and both *Irenaeus* and *Apollinarius*. Tho' St. Jerome thinks the 31st Chapter of *Ezekiel* fulfill'd in the Coming of Christ, yet he seems to doubt of it, in these words : *Aut certe in secundo complendo credimus, quando in sua maiestate dominus apparebit, & subintraverit plenitudo gentium, ut omnis Israel salvus fiat.*

I will next give the *Sibyls* Description of the Return of the Jews, but will first advise the Reader to consult Mountague's *Acts and Monuments of the Christian Church*, who asserts, That the *Romans* collected the present Oracles, and digested 'em into Volumes, and these the Fathers quoted ; and from thence *Virgil* and *Cicero* had the Notion of a new World, and the Restoration of all things, and of a King to come from Heaven. He says, the *Erythrea* calls her self *Nun*, that is, a Woman or a Maid descended of Noah's Blood ; and she was from *Sem*, who outliv'd *Abraham*, about whose time she might live : Some of the *Sibyls* liv'd before most of the Prophets, but those of *Cumana* and *Helleponsica* later than almost all the Prophets.

Bellarmin allows the *Sibyls*, and St. Jerome thinks they had the Gift of Prophesie for their Virginity ; and all allow, that out of *Judea* there were many Prophets, as *Job*, *Balaam*,

Comparisons of the Prophets

Iaam, &c. Clem. Alexandrinus says, the Sibyls Books foretell things to come. Hystaspes was in the time of Cyrus, and he writ in plain terms concerning the Son of GOD. Trismegistus speaks of the Trinity, and he was an Egyptian Prince and Priest.

*Sibyl. Orac.
Lib. 2, p. 198*

*Tum quum bis semitribubus conflatus ab ortu
Adveniet populus, populumq; requiret Hebraeum
Cognatæ stirpis, quem perdidit Assyriorum
Impetus, illatæ gentes ita clade peribunt :
Postremo rursum vehementibus imperitabunc
Hebreis, fidis, electis, sub juga missis
Ut prius —————*

Zechariah's Description of the Siege of Jerusalem, where Gog is destroy'd ; and a second Siege, where the City is taken.

*Orac. lib. 3.
p. 269.*

*Et tunc sole Deus regem demittet ab alto
Qui totam terram diris recreabit ab armis,
Occisit aliis, aliis in fædera junctis :
Atq; iterum magnis florebit amata Dei gens,
Divitiis, auro, atq; argento, purpureoque
Ornatu, tellusque parens gaudebit, & equor,
Plena bonis —————*

The state of the Jews after the destruction of the Gentiles, who besieg'd them after their return.

P. 273.

*Interea magni proles secura tonantis
Circum ædem vivent, & lætabuntur in illis.
Tunc omnes pariter fabuntur insulae & urbes
Quanto illos adamet Deus immortalis amore.
Tunc dulci incipient meditari carmine laudes.*

Rev. ch. 15, mentions the Jews as singing upon their return.

*Verum cum bellis jam Persica terra carebit,
Et peste & gemitu, tunc illo tempore vivet
Iudaum dium genus, & caeleste, beatum;
Qui terrae mediis habitabunt manibus usque ad
Joppam.*

Sibyl. Orac.
Lib. 5.

Then Christ appears, as in *Zecbariah*, And they
look on him whom they pierced, and mourn.

*Existetq; olim quidam vir ab ethere prestante,
Cujus frugiferâ distendit in arbore palmas,
Optimus Hebreus, ——
Et modulata sacris dicent tibi carmina linguis,
Igneus existet vero de nubibus æther,
Nec satio prorsum fiet, nec aratio, donec
Norint mortales numen, quod cuncta gubernat,
Eternum.*

This is the Conversion of the *Gentiles* by their
Destruction, Zech. ch. ult. The Earthquake
is afterwards describ'd, as in Zech.

— peribitis ergo
*Motibus eversæ terra. —
Nam Deus omnipotens sceleratos eruet omnes,
Fulgureque & tonitru.
Parce & omniparens teneræ terræ & feraci
Iudeæ magnæ, tua quæ decreta feramus.
Ut videans omnes divino munere primam
Mortales banc esse, Deo præcellere dante.
Solus enim præfens, claudet munimine tuos;
Ardentiq; velut muro, circumdabit igne,*

Revelat. Ch. 15, Ver. 2. And I saw a Sea
of Glass mingled with Fire, and them that had
gotten victory over the Beast stand in the Sea of
Glass, having the Harps of God.

Ver. 3. And they sang the Song of Moses,
and the Song of the Lamb.

Ver. 5.

Ver. 5. After that I looked, and behold, the Temple of the Testimony in Heaven was opened.

Ver. 8. And the Temple was filled with smoke from the Glory of God; and no man was able to enter into the Temple till the seven Plagues of the seven Angels were fulfilled.

Note, The Oppression of the Jews under the Gentiles (or Turks) is represented by a Sea of Glass, burning with Fire; the Joy of the Jews upon their return, by the Harps and Singing; the renewing their Worship, is the opening of the Temple. Ver. 6. the Seven Angels coming out of the Temple, built after the Jews Return: The Presence and Glory of God fills the Temple, as is said in Ezek. 43. 5. No Jews nor Gentiles would be converted till after all the Plagues were executed: These Plagues are poured on the Beast's Kingdom, and from the Destruction of the Beast the date of the Jews Conversion must be made. One of the four Beasts, or Christian Bishops, gives the seven Vials full of Wrath by his Prayers, and occasions this Fall of Antichrist by the seven Plagues.

The Destruction of Antichrist, and the Conversion of the Jews to Christianity; occasion'd by that signal Overthrow.

THE Old Prophets, Esdras, the Sibyls, and the Revelations agree in the overthrow of Antichrist.

Dan. chap. 7. ver. 8. I consider'd the Horns, and there came up among them another little Horn,

Horn, before whom there were three of the first pluck'd up by the Roots.

Ver. 21. The same made War with the Saints, and prevail'd against them :

Ver. 21. Until the ancient of Days came, and Judgment was given to the Saints of the most High, and the time came that the Saints possoſt'd the Kingdom.

Ver. 25. He shall speak great Words against the most High, and wear out the Saints of the most High, and think to change times and Lawes (this Mahomet did) and they shall be given into his Hand until a time, and times, and dividing of time, (1260, or 1390 Hegira's.)

Ver. 26. But the Judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his Dominion, to consume and destroy it, unto the end : i. e. the Beast was destroy'd, and his Body given to the burning Flame.

Ezekiel, chap. 38, describes the coming of Gog from the North, after the Jews had return'd into their Country. Ver. 17. Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my Servants the Prophets of Israel, that I would bring thee against them ? ver. 19. In that Day there shall be a great shaking in the Land of Israel, (that is, an Earthquake). Ver. 20. And the Mountains shall be thrown down, and every Wall shall fall. Ver. 22. And I will plead against him with Pestilence, and with Blood; and I will rain on him and his Bands an overflowing Rain, and great Hailstones, Fire and Brimstone. Ver. 23. Thus will I magnify my self, and sanctify my self, and I will be known

known in the Eyes of many Nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chap. 39. ver. 6. *I will send a Fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the Isles, and they shall know that I am the Lord.*

Ver. 21. *And I will set my Glory among the Heathen, and all the Heathen shall see my Judgment that I have executed.*

Note, This great Judgment laid on the Heathen, will convince 'em that God is a Protector and Saviour of the Jews,

Ver. 22. *So shall the House of Israel know that I am the Lord their God.*

Ver. 29. *I have poured out my Spirit upon the House of Israel, saith the Lord God.*

Chap. 47, ver. 1. *Behold, Waters issued out from under the Threshold of the House eastward,*

Ver. 7. *On the Banks of the River were many Trees, on the one side and the other.*

Ver. 9. *Every thing shall live whither the Waters come. And, ver. 8, The Waters shall be healed in the Sea;*

Ver. 11. *But the miry and marshy places shall not be healed.*

Ver. 12. *The Fruit of the Trees shall be for meat, and the Leaf for medicine.*

Note, The Water represents the Conversion of the Jews, as our Saviour's Discourse in Samaria with the Woman signifies; the Fishers are the Apostles, or other Preachers; the Dead healed, the Jews; the miry places, some Gentiles; the Tree, the Plenty in a new Paradise in the Millennium.

niam. This Vision cannot be expounded literally, but is a Figure.

Isaiah, chap. 26. ver. 21. The Lord cometh out of his place to punish the Inhabitants of the Earth.

Chap. 27. In that day the Lord, with his great and strong Sword, shall punish Leviathan, the piercing Serpent, — and he will slay the Dragon in the Sea.

Isa. chap. 59, ver. 19. When the Enemy shall come in like a Flood, the Lord will lift up a Standard against him.

Ver. 20. The Redeemer shall come to Sion.

Isa. chap. 66. ver. 16. For by Fire and by his Sword will the Lord plead with all Flesh, and the slain of the Lord shall be many.

Ver. 18. And I will gather all Nations and Tongues and they shall come and see my Glory; ver. 19, And they shall declare my Glory among the Gentiles.

Ver. 24. And they shall go forth, and look upon the Carcasses of the Men that have transgress'd against me.

Note, This Chapter is a plain Prophecy concerning the Destruction of Gog. Ezekiel calls this time of Gog's Destruction the Day spoken of, chap. 29, ver. 8; and Gog is spoken of by the Prophet Ezekiel, chap. 38, ver. 17.

Isa. chap. 66. ver. 23. All Flesh shall come to worship before me. That is, both Jews and Gentiles, who will be converted by the overthrow of Gog.

Zecl. 12. ver. 2. Behold, I make Jerusalem a Cup of trembling unto all the People round about, when they shall be in the Siege both against Judah and Jerusalem.

Ver. 9. In that day I will seek to destroy all Nations that come against Jerusalem.

Ver. 10. And I will pour on the House of David, and on the Inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of Grace, and of Supplication; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierc'd, pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only Son.

Note, This a plain description of the Appearance of Christ in the Air, to convert the Jews, after he had destroy'd Gog.

Chap. 13. In that day I will cut off the Names of the Idols out of the Land, and I will cause the Prophets and unclean Spirit to pass out of the Land.

Note, All false Religion and false Prophets will then cease, and be ashamed of their Visions; ver. 4. But Zechariah goes on with a new Vision, chap. 13. ver. 7. Awake, O Sword, against my Shepherd, and against the Man who is my Fellow (Citizen); smite the Shepherd, and my Sheep shall be scatter'd.

Ver. 8. Two parts shall be cut off, and die, but the third left therein.

Ver. 9. And I will bring the third part thro' the Fire, they shall call on my Name, and I will hear them.

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Chap. 14. ver. 2. I will gather the Nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the City shall be taken; half shall go forth into Captivity, and the residue shall not be cut off.

Ver. 3. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those Nations.

Ver. 4. And his Feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, and it shall cleave in the midst thereof towards the East and towards the West (that is, by an Earthquake) —— and the Lord ~~giv~~ God shall come, and all the Saints with thee.

Ver. 5. And the Light shall not be clear, nor dark.

Ver. 8. In that day living Waters shall go out of Jerusalem, half toward the former Sea, and half to the latter Sea.

Ver. 9. But the Lord shall be King over all the Earth.

Ver. 11. Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

Ver. 12. This shall be the Plague wherewith the Lord will smite all People that have fought against Jerusalem; their Flesh shall consume away, and their Eyes consume away, and their Tongues in their Mouths.

Ver. 13. A Tumult from the Lord shall be amongst them, —— and his Hand shall rise up against the Hand of his Neighbour.

Ver. 14. And Judah shall fight at Jerusalem, and the Wealth of the Heathen shall be gather'd together.

Ver. 18. Every one that is left of the Nations, shall go up from Year to Year to worship

the King the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Note; At the Siege of Jerusalem, chap. 12, the Jews have a great Deliverance, and Christ appears to them, to convince them that he is their Messiah, whom they pierced ; but, chap. 14, the Nations are gather'd against Jerusalem, and take it ; but Christ appears to them and destroys them by an Earthquake, and Plague, and by one another's Swords. This is a different Vision, and shews how the Gentiles must be converted by his appearance, and overthrow of them ; all his Saints shall come with him, and the Lord shall be King over all the Earth, and there shall be one Lord, ver. 9. And they shall worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, ver. 16. And this will refine the Jews, as Silver and Gold is refin'd ; (chap. 13. ver. 9.) that is, convert them thoroughly to Christianity : The keeping the Feast of Tabernacles will be a Memorial of this Deliverance.

Haggai; chap. 2, ver. 21, 22. I will shake the Heaven and the Earth, and I will overthrow the Thrones of Kingdoms ; and I will destroy the Strength of the Kingdoms of the Heathen, and the Horse and the Rider shall come down, every one by the Hand of his Brother.

Jeremiah, chap. 31. ver. 31. I will make a new Covenant with the House of Israel, and with the House of Judah. Ver. 32. I will put my Law in their inward Parts, and will be their God, and they shall be my People.

Jer. chap. 3. ver. 17. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the Throne of the Lord, and all the Nations shall be gather'd unto it, so the

the Name of the Lord, to Jerusalem : Neither shall they walk any more after the Imaginations of their evil Heart.

Ver. 18. *In those days the House of Judah shall walk with the House of Israel, and they shall come together out of the North to the Land which I have given for an Inheritance unto your Fathers.* Ver. 19. *A goodly Heritage of the Hosts of the Nations.*

Romans chap. 11. ver. 25, 26. Blindness in part hath happen'd to Israel, till the fulness of the Gentiles shall come in.

Joel, chap. 3. ver. 2. I will gather together all Nations, and bring them down into the Valley of Jehosaphat : Ver. 12. There will I sit to judge the Heathen round about. Ver. 14. The Day of the Lord is near, and in the Valley of Decision. Ver. 16. The Lord shall roar out of Sion ; and the Heavens and the Earth shall shake, but the Lord will be the hope of his People, and the Strength of the Children of Israel. Ver. 17. Then shall ye know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Sion, my holy Mountain ; then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no Stranger pass thro' it any more.

Note ; That is the last Destruction of the Jews, the same as in the 14th of Zechariah, and they shall never be invaded any more by the Gentiles.

Micah, chap. 5. ver. 5. This Man (that is Christ, whose Birth is describ'd ver. 2.) shall be the Peace, when the Assyrian shall come

Esdrias, Book II, Gh. 12, Ver. 31. The Lion that shou. sawest rising up out of the Wood, and roaring, and speaking to the Eagle, and rebuking her for her unrighteousness:

Ver. 32. This is the Anointed, which the Highest hath kept for them, and for their wickedness, unto the end.

Ver. 33. For he shall set them before him in Judgment, and shall rebuke them, and correct them.

Ver. 34. For the rest of my People shall be delivered with mercy, those that have been preserved on my Borders, and he shall make them joyful until the coming of the Day of Judgment.

yl. Orac. *Et Belial veniet, facietq; insignia multa.*

b. 2. *Intra mortales, tunc sancti funditus, atque
Electi, fidique eversi diripientur.*

Nec non Hebrei, quos superior impetet Irk.

Orac. lib. 3. *Ex Augustinis autem volventibus annis:
Adveniet Belial —*

Verum quando Dei praeclara minaçia magni:

Advenient, terrasq; patet flammata potestas,

Inflata, exuret Belier, hominesq; superboq;

Omnes, quod quoq; ei fuerint per foedera juncti.

Thus Gog is describ'd in the Sibylline Oracles, very like Ezekiel and Zechariah's Relation of his Siege and Destruction.

yl. Orac. *Sed crabit terram Gentiles rursus eandem.*

13, p. 270. *Invidenter reges —*

Nayque Dei magni tentabunt depopulari

Sacra, virosque bonos —

dextrâque peribunt

Omnes aeternâ, & calo labentur ab ales

In terram ardentes enses, venientq; catus

Lampados in medios homines.

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The Earthquake is describ'd,
*At terra omniparens illis perculta diebus
 Numinis aeterni dextrâ,* —————

———— quin insipienter
*Hastas sacratam cuncti vibrasti in ædem.
 Omnes ergo Deus bello multabit & ense,
 Ignèque, & undanti pluviam, tum sulphur ab alto,
 Et lapis in densa perniciose grandine, caelo
 Depluet —————
 Tum Deus aeternus noscetur, qui facit illa :
 ————— explebitque fera caro dilaniata.*

The Sibyls here intimate, that the Jews had a Temple, and this Destruction would make them acknowledge God's Protection.

The Darkness mention'd in Zechariah is thus describ'd :

*Fam non existent flammantia lumina solis ;
 Lumine nec claro splendebit luna deinceps,
 Cum Deus extremo regnabit tempore ; verum
 Omnia per terras caligo nigra tenebit.
 ————— cognoscatur ut ipse*

Rex Deus —————

*Inquis homines ignis de caeli depluet oris,
 Ignis, sanguis, aquæ, fulmen, nox ætheris atra,
 Et reges omnes pordet simul, eximiosque,
 Sic bellum exitium capiet miserabile finem.*

Arma per extensam relegantes hostica terram, Orac. lib. 3.
*Per septem longos annis vertentibus orbis,
 Neu de querculo lignum scindetur ad ignem.*

This is a plain intimation that seven long Orbs of Years shall succeed the Destruction of Gog, and the Return of the Jews ; and this agrees with Ezekiel, ch. 39, ver. 9. *They that dwell in the Cities shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the Weapons, and they shall burn them with Fire seven Years.*

Years. Ver. 10. So that they shall take no Wood out of the Field, neither cut down any out of the Forrest. In this the Sibyls and Ezekiel agree, that they shall use no Wood for Fire but the Arms of their Enemies.

Ezek. ch. 38, ver. 20. The Fishes of the Sea, the Fowls of the Heavens, and the Beasts of the Fields, and all creeping things, and all Men shall shake at my presence ; and the Mountains shall be thrown down, and the Towers shall fall, and every Wall shall fall to the Ground.

Orac. lib. 3.

p. 270.

*At terra omni parens illis; perculta diebus
Numinis eterni destrâ, piscesque marini,
Terrestresq; feræ omnes, & genus omne volantum,
Humanæq; omnes animæ, maria omnia, vultum
Eterni horrescent, exalbescentq; timore.
Illa sed immanes, excelsa cacumina, montes,
Rumpet —*

I have quoted this Description to shew, that these Prophesies agree very much in the description of Gog's Overthrow; but the Sibyls do not mention Gog, nor many circumstances in Ezekiel.

As Christ and his Apostles permitted the use of the Jewish Ceremonies till the Destruction of their Temple by the Romans, so 'twill happen at last, the Jews will return, build their Temple, and use their old Ceremonies, till this signal coming of Christ to destroy the Turks, and his appearing in the Air shall convert 'em : No Preaching nor Miracles could formerly convince 'em, but this glorious second coming will prevail; and this will require their being settled in their

their own Country, that they may be all converg'd at one time, and then the Fulness of the Gentiles shall come in, they being all converted by this second coming of Christ to conquer them; and then both Jews and Gentiles will be oblig'd to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, which the Jews did at their first return from Egypt.

The Description of the Millennium by the
Old Prophets.

Dan. Chap. 7, Ver. 18.

But the Saints of the most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess it for ever.

Ver. 13. One like the Son of Man came with the Clouds of Heaven, and came to the ancient of days. Ver. 14. And there was given him Dominion, and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all People, Nations, and Languages should serve him: his Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Note. The Son of Man is Christ, the Saints of the Most High are Believers in him, and all Dominions shall serve and obey him, and he shall then raise the Dead.

Ch. 12, ver. 12. *Blessed is he that cometh to the 1335 days.* [i. e. the beginning of the Millennium, from the taking of Jerusalem by the Nations, Zech. 14.]

Ver. 2. *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the Earth shall awake, some to everlasting*

ing life, and some to shame. Ver. 3. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the Firmament ; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the Stars, for ever and ever. Ver. 13. But go thy way till the end be : for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. [i. e. Daniel shall arise, and have share with his own Tribe, as Ezekiel has describ'd the division among the 12 Tribes.]

Isaiah, ch. 26, ver. 19. Thy dead Men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise: awake, and sing, ye that dwell in the Dust.

Note, There will be a new Paradisiacal state of Men, and all other Creatures.

Chap. 60, ver. 1. Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen on thee. Ver. 3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and Kings to the brightness of thy rising. Ver. 11. Therefore thy Gates shall be open continually, they shall not be shut day nor night, that men may bring unto thee the Forces of the Gentiles, and that their Kings may be brought. Ver. 12. For the Nation and Kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish. Ver. 19. The Sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the Moon give light to thee, but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting Light. Ver. 21. Thy People also shall all be righteous, and they shall inherit the Land for ever.

Chap. 65, ver. 17. Behold, I create a new Heaven, and a new Earth: and the former shall not be remembred. Ver. 18. I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her People a joy. V. 19. The voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor

nor the voice of crying. V. 25. The Wolf and the Lamb shall feed together, and the Lyon shall eat Straw like the Bullock: and Dust shall be the Serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy Mountain.

Chap. 66, Ver. 12. I will extend Peace to her like a River, and the Glory of the Gentiles like a flowing Stream. Ver. 23. All Flesh shall come and worship before me, saith the Lord.

Ezekiel, Ch. 47, Ver. 12. The Trees on the River shall bring forth Fruit according to its months, and the Leaf shall be for medicine, that there shall be plenty and health.

Joel, Ch. 3, Ver. 18. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Mountains shall drop down new Wine, [bring forth many Vines] and the Hills shall flow with Milk, [i. e. be fruitful Pastures] and the Rivers of Judah shall flow with Waters, and a Fountain shall come forth of the House of the Lord, and shall water the Valley of Shittim. Ver. 20. Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Note, These Waters are mention'd by Ezekiel and Zechariah, and may only signify Plenty, or be the cause of the fertility of the Land.

Isaiah, Ch. 24, Ver. 23. Then the Moon shall be confounded, and the Sun ashamed, when the Lord of Hosts shall reign in Mount Sion, and in Jerusalem.

Chap. 25, Ver. 7. He shall destroy in this Mountain the face of the covering of all People, and the veil spread over all Nations. [This is some

*Ultima sanctorum sunt tempora, namq; ea condit
Altitomans, opifex templi super omnia magni.*

He that will read these Quotations from the old Prophets, *Esdrae*, *Revelations*, and *Sibyls*, will acknowledg the *Jews* must return into their Country to build their City and Temple, and then will be besieged by *Gog*, who will there be destroy'd by Thunder: Then the *Jews*, and many *Gentiles*, shall be converted to *Christianity* by this signal Judgment on *Gog*, and the appearance of Christ crucified, but afterwards the *Gentiles* will again take *Jerusalem*, (as in *Zech. ch. ult.*) but shall at last be destroy'd by Christ standing in Mount *Sion*, by the Earthquake, by a Plague, and by the Sword; then shall Christ come with all his Saints, be King over the Earth, and all Nations shall come up to worship him.

This is the Sense of all the Prophets compar'd together, and they have been very little understood by those who suppos'd they related only to the Times before Christ; by what is quoted they have plainly describ'd the last Times, since Christ, viz. the Return of the *Jews*, the Destruction of *Antichrist*, and State of the *Millennium*. That I may more fully prove this, I will give my Interpretation of *Dan. 11, 12.* which plainly relate to the *Turk*, as King of the North; and the *Saracen*, King of the South: They at last agreed in one false Religion and tyrannical Government, which is the *Antichrist* intimated by all the Prophets. No other History has yet happen'd agreeable with the Prophesies but that of the *Saracens* and *Turks*, *Daniel's* little Horn. And since the Miseries of the *Jews* under the *Mahometans* have been greater and longer than those under *Antiochus* and the *Romans*, 'tis very probable *Daniel* spoke of these, to convince the Infidelity of this Age, that GOD governs the World; that He pre-ordain'd all Events, and by his inspired Prophets predicts 'em.

F I N I S.

APPENDIX.

All the Characters agree with the Mahometan Antichrist, and not with the Pope.

1. **T**here must be a falling away first, before the coming of *Antichrist*: This may be the denying of Christ's Divinity by the *Arrians*, which preceded the coming of the Impostor *Mahomet*; and this is the *Mystery of Iniquity*, which is describ'd in *2 Thess. 2.*

2. *God shall send them a strong Delusion, that they should believe a Lye: i. e. that Mahomet was a Messenger sent from God; this is Mahomet's Lye thro' Hypocrisie.*

3. *Antichrist is call'd the Son of Perdition, and both the Saracens and Turks slew an infinite number of Christians, and made long Wars with 'em.*

4. The *Antichristian Empire* must be part of the *Roman Empire*, and the *Turk* now possesses one half.

5. The Seat of the *Antichristian Saracens* was *Babylon*, which they built, and call'd it *Bagdet*, but the Christians *Babylon*, to this day.

6. He shall fix his Tent and Dwelling in the Seas ; which is, at *Constantinople*.

7. *Antichrist* must sit in the Church of God ; and so did *Mahomet* the Great on the Altar in *St. Sophia*, when he took *Constantinople* : He turn'd it into a Mosch, which remains so to this day ; and the *Turks* sell all the Patriarchates in the East, and govern all their Churches in *Asia* and *Greece*.

8. He shall bring in damnable Doctrins : that is his denying Christ to be the Son of God ; this is his Blasphemy.

9. He shall extol himself against all that is call'd God : This is *Mahomet's* Pretence of being a greater Prophet than Christ. The *Turks* call *Mahomet* the *Lord of the Creatures* ; and the *Turkish* Emperor's Title is, *God's Deputy upon Earth, Lord of the Lords of this World, King of Greece*. The Attributes and Praises of *Mahomet* are sung on *Fridays* in their Moschs, which is a sort of Idolatry.

10. *Antichrist's* coming is with all Power and lying Wonders, in all deceivableness of Unrighteousnes. This is *Mahomet's* pretence of his Commission to conquer and oblige all to become *Muselman*, or Tributaries to him, and some Miracles he pretended to. See the Life of *Mahomet*, in the four Treatises concerning the *Mahometans*, where Fire is said to come down from Heaven on the *Christians*.

11. He must oppose Christ both in Life and Doctrin ; he denies the Son, and therefore must deny the Father. See *Mahomet's Life* wrote by Dr. *Prideaux*.

12. *Antichrist* has two Horns, the spiritual and temporal Authority ; and these both the *Saracen* Caliphs (or Vicars of *Mahomet*) pretended to. This is the false *Prophet in Sheep's Cloathing*. *Matt. 7. 15.*

13. He shall persecute the *Christians* 1260 prophetical Days, or Years. And this he has done above 1100 Years already.

14. He shall change Times and Laws, and subdue the Saints till Christ's coming, *Dan. 7. 1.* *Mahomet* began the first Hegira, invented new Laws, and his Religion will last to the coming of Christ.

15. The Lord shall consume him with the Fire of his Mouth.

16. The second Beast is the Image of the first ; the *Turk*, of the *Saracen* Tyranny and Religion, deriv'd from *Mahomet* ; and he shall worship *Maufim*, which his Fathers knew not. The *Turks* were originally Heathen *Tartars* before they embrac'd *Islamism*, and they worship God.

17. The two Horns of the Ram may relate to the *Turks* Profession, being Herdsman at first : Or, they may be describ'd like the *Persian* Ram with two Horns ; that is, they first conquer'd *Persia* and *Media* : So *Axan* did. *Mahomet* says, there never was a Prophet who had not been a Shepherd ; and he kept *Halimas* Sheep in Shepherds cloathing.

Or, this is the *false Prophet* in *Matt. 7. 15*, who comes in *Sheeps cloathing*, but inwardly was a ravenous *Wolf*.

18. The *Grecians* had a Custom, in their *Mysteries* and *Oracles*, to observe the number of Names: *Nile*, the *Egyptian River*, contains the number of the Days of the Year; 365, and for that reason St. *John* uses the same concerning the Number of the Beast; 666 is the Number or Mark of his Name, *Macquinus* contains 665. *Pudet Turcos vetusti nominis, quo latronem in sua notant vernacula & juvat Muslemin aut Muselman nova appellatio.* The Number of the Beast is the Number of a Man, that may be counted in the numeral Letters; the Mark in the Forehead, is the *Turbant*; the Mark in the right Hand, the Profession at Circumcision, by holding up the Thumb and saying, *God is one, and Mahomet his Prophet.*

The Thumb on the right Hand must be held up at this Profession, and after this they are accounted *Muselmen*. The Numeral Letters in *Mahomet's* Name make 666, as *Mountague* observes in his *Appello Cesarem*; and so does *Napier* reckon.

That the *Pope* is not *Antichrist*, these are my Arguments:

1. He never deny'd the Father and the Son, which is St. *John's* Mark of the great *Antichrist*.

2. 'Tis no where said that *Antichrist* must be a Christian, but as his Name imports, the Adversary to that Religion. He may be

be said to sit in the Temple who turn'd it into a Mosch, and built one on the Ruins of Solomon's Temple, as *Omar* did.

3. In *Timothy's* first Epistle, chap. 4, the Prophesies of St. Paul relate to the *Pope*, and not to *Antichrist*, and to those Hereticks which *Epiphanius* describes to hold the same Opinions before the Papal Monarchy began : Ver. 1. *In the latter times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing Spirits, and Doctrines of Devils :* Ver. 3. *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from Meats.*

These are the Corruptions of the Western Church, and relate not to the great *Antichrist*.

4. The great *Antichrist* is destroy'd (chap. 19 of the *Revelations*) with the false Prophet ; but the *Pope* is destroy'd, chap. 18, therefore the *Pope* cannot be *Antichrist*.

5. The great Antichristian Empire was at *Babylon in Chaldea*, but the Papal Empire at *Rome*, call'd the *Mystical Babylon*.

6. In the Turkish Prayers they use the following Epithet of God, *Rabol Maizza*, the *Lord of Powers or Fortitudes* ; which is the same with *Eloah Mauzzi*, Dan. 11. 31, which is the Title of God omnipotent, and the Words of the Prayer are these ; *Be that far from thee, O Lord, O Lord of Powers :* which they (*Christians*) attribute to thee, (*that thou art a Father, and hast a Wife*

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and Son.) This is a publick Profession against the Father and Son, and the most evident Character of *Antichrist*, and not of the Pope. See the *Turkish Liturgy*, by *Albert Babovius*, with the Notes.

Some REMARKS on the several Interpretations of the Revelations.

Every Age has attempted to expound the *Revelations* according to the Circumstances of the Histories of their own times.

1. The first Interpretation was traditional from the Disciples of St. John, and their Successors in the first three hundred Years, and this concern'd chiefly the coming of *Antichrist*, Jesus Christ's second coming, and the *Millennium*.

2. At the end of the fourth Century, St. *Austin* and St. *Jerom* allegorically interpreted the *Revelations*, and all Prophesies, as chiefly relating to Christ's first planting of Christianity; and this Notion has been improv'd by *Grotius* and Dr. *Hammond*, but they deny'd the *Millennium*.

3. At the beginning of the Reformation the *Albigenses*, about the 12th Century, call'd the Pope *Antichrist*, and thought the Wo-

Woman crown'd with twelve Stars represented him.

4. *Luther*, in the sixteenth Century, believ'd the *Turk* was the *little Horn* in *Daniel*, and consequently the *Antichrist* in the East.

5. The *Calvinists* Opinion, that the *Pope* is *Antichrist*, was defended by *Napier*, who indeed gives a good Account of the Prophe-tical Day for a Year, but he mistakes the rise of the Popedom, *anno 316*, and in his Time (1588) the History of the *Turks* was imperfect; he did not distinguish the *Saracens* and *Turks*; and he makes the World to end in 1700.

6. Mr. *Mede* follow'd *Napier*, but has better explain'd the beginning of the *Revelations*, the destruction of the *Jews* and *Heathen Emperors*, and Rise of the ten Horns; but he afterwards deserts the History, makes no distinction of the Eastern and Western Churches, is misled by his Synchronisms, and makes all the rest of the Prophesie relate to the Pope, as the *Calvinists* do. All Expositors have follow'd the same confusion of the Prophesies.

The Reason why the Protestants mistook the *Pope* for the great *Antichrist*, was, his Cruelty to them by burning, and the Wars he excited against them: The *Turk* then, by his frequent Invasions of *Hungary*, diverted the *German Emperor* from his design'd Persecutions of them.

I have here accommodated the Prophesies to the past History of the *Roman Empire*, and the Christian Churches both in the East and West, and must leave it to be corrected by future Ages, my design being to shew, that the *Sibylline Oracles* describe the Rise, Conquest, and Destruction of the *Ottoman Empire*, and also the *Roman State* in the West; and they make the *Saracen* and *Ottoman* Princes the great *Antichrist*.

A Collection of some farther Testimonies concerning the Sibyls.

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HE first relates the burning of the first *Sibylline Oracles* 80 Years before Christ; and, that the *Romans* collected them again 76 Years before Christ, from *Samos, Ilium, Erythris, Afric, Sicily, Italy*: *Datoq, sacerdotibus negotio, quantum humana ope potuissent, vera discernere.* This History is attested by *Tacitus*, *Ann. lib. 6. Diomysius Halicarnasseus* delivers the same, and quotes it from *Varro. Fenestella* and *Lactantius* confirm it.

Whether they were inspir'd, or taken from the *Jews*, he does not determine, but allows that the *Christians* often quoted 'em, and the *Roman Authors*; and these he admits of, but none of those added in future Ages.

Bishop *Beveridge* quotes these Testimonies for the Oracles:

1. *Justin's Apology*, publish'd A.D. 141, or 142, in which the Sibyls are quoted, (which *Blondel* believes to be forg'd A.D. 138.) If they had been then forg'd, the Christians would not have ventur'd their Lives in reading 'em ; and *Hystaspis* never would have quoted them to the *Romans*, who collected 'em, if they had been spurious.

Justin says, the *Sibylline Oracles* were then known to all the World ; therefore we must now have the same Copy, and not a spurious one : *Viri Graci, credite antiquissime & prisca admodum Sibylla, cuius libri in toto extant orbe, de futuro servatoris nostri Iesu Christi adventu, ac de rebus ab eo gerendis, liquide & aperte vaticinanti.*

2. *Celsus* liv'd in the time of *Justin*, and yet he never pretended that the Oracles were forg'd, but interpolated by the Christians ; but that *Origen* deny'd, and challeng'd him to produce a more correct Copy.

3. Many in the second Century had the same Opinion, as *Justin*, *Athenagoras*, *Clem. Alexandrinus*, *Origen*.

Clemens quotes these words from St. *Paul*, *Libros Gracos sumite, agnoscite Sibyllam quomodo unum Deum indicet, & ea qua sunt futura.*

St. *Clement* quotes the Sibyls in his Epistle to the *Corinthians*, as *Justin Martyr* quotes him in his Answer to the 74th Question.

4. *Josephus* cites the Sibylline Oracles as they are now, concerning the Tower of *Babel*.

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Babel. This place in *Josephus* is quoted by *Eusebius, de Preparatione Evangelica*, lib. 9, cap. 15. and the same Sibylline Verses are commended by *Theophilus Antiochenus*, in his second Book to *Autolycus*.

5. *Strabo* mentions this Oracle which is now extant:

*Isthaec evenient, vastis quo Pyramus undis
Tempore, profuso continget littore Cyprum.*

Sibyl. lib. 4.

6. *Plato, Aristotle, Diodorus Siculus, Plutarch, Pausanias, Dionys. Halicarnasseus, Dion Cassius, Cicero, Livy, Tacitus, Ovid, Virgil, (Eclog. 4.)* quote the Sibyls.

7. The Sibylline Oracles are commended by *Constantine, Non mirum esse, quod Constantinus tam magnifice de libris Sibyllinis locutus sit, cum eminentissima Ecclesia lumina eos roties ante ipsum testimonio suo comprobassent.*

These Testimonies sufficiently confute *Blondel* that they were lately invented, and I will here annex the learned Bishop's Censure on his Adversary: *Sed longè fallitur opinione vir doctus, si grande illud quod de Sibyllis volumen contexuit Blondellus, tanti apud omnes esse opinetur, quanti apud se sit: ipse nihil in eo invenire possum, quod quenquam nulla præjudicata Opinione corruptum in suam de carminibus Sibyllinis antiquitus laudatis sententiam inducat.*

This is the Opinion of the learned Bishop *Bull*, in his Sermon on the Vanity of this Life, pag. 334, concerning these Oracles: That

That they were extant before our Saviour's time, (which in great part had their original from the Jewish Theology) and they spoke of the last Conflagration, or Dissolution of this present World; for so *Ovid* testifies,

*Esse quoq; in fatis reminiscitur affore tempus
Quo mare, quo tellus, correptaque regia cœli
Ardeat, & mundi moles operosa labore.*

I find in *Barnabas*'s Epistle, that he says, in Six thousand Years the Lord shall bring all to an end: And all the best Computations to the *Millennium* agree with the Jewish Opinion, to whom *Barnabas* wrote his Allegorical Letter. He compares the six thousand Years to the six Days in which the World was made, because one Day is as a thousand Years, and when CHRIST shall come and abolish the Season of the Wicked, judge the Ungodly, and change the Sun, Moon, and Stars, then he shall gloriously rest on the seventh; and the eighth is the beginning of the other World. By this 'tis manifest that *Barnabas* believ'd the *Millennium*: His seventh Day is that thousand Years which he calls the glorious Rest; and the eighth Day is mention'd by the Sibyls as the beginning of another World. By this Quotation I now must explain the eighth Day in the Oracles, which I did not at first understand.

I will here place what I omitted concerning *Esdras*, that he explains the History of the *Roman Empire* where *Daniel* left

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left off; that is, the coming of the Saracens, Turks, and Tartars into Syria and Asia; the Destruction of Babylon by the Tartars, and the Saracens by the Turk, chap. 15; and chap. 17, he describes the three Heads of the Eagle (or Roman State), the Saracen, the Constantinopolitan, and the Turk; and in the second Chapter he treats of the Millennium; ver. 13, that a Kingdom is prepar'd for the righteous Jews; ver. 16. Those that be dead I will raise up again, and bring them out of their Graves. Ver. 18, and prepar'd for them twelve Trees laden with divers Fruits. Ver. 19, and as many Fountains flowing with Milk and Honey. Ver. 23. I will give thee the first place in my Resurrection. Ver. 34. Look for your Shepherd, he shall give you Everlasting Rest: For he is nigh at hand that shall come in the end of the World. Ver. 35. Be ready to the Reward of the Kingdom. Ver. 37. Give thanks unto him who hath call'd you to the Heavenly Kingdom. Ver. 38. Behold the number of those that are seal'd in the Feast of the LORD. Ver. 40, shut up those of thine who are cloath'd in white. Ver. 41, Esdras saw a great number on Mount Sion, who prais'd the LORD with Songs. Ver. 45. These have confess'd the Name of GOD, and have put on the immortal Cloathing, they are crown'd, and receive Palms. Ver. 43, & 47, the tall young Man who set Crowns on their Heads, is the Son of GOD, whom they have confess'd in the World.

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This is a plain description of the *Jews* Return and having a Kingdom ; of the first Resurrection ; of the sealing and crowning of the Saints, who confess'd the Son of GOD in the World, and all the same are plainly describ'd in the Sibyls. The Prejudice against *Esdras* is deriv'd from the *Jews*, because he prophesied so plainly concerning the Son of GOD ; therefore they will not acknowledge him as a Prophet, but suppress'd the original Copy : So *Daniel* has been ill us'd by them, because his Prophesie is so plain in their cutting off the *Messiah*.

The Devil has brought a Scandal upon *Esdras* and the Sibyls by our late Criticks, tho' they both agree with the *Revelations*. The *Romanists* will not permit that the 17th Chapter of the *Revelations* should be interpreted concerning the Corruptions of their Church ; and their Moderns deny the *Sibylline Oracles*, because they describe the same Fate of *Rome* as the *Revelations* do. Tho' *Bellarmino* allows that the Sibyls are true Prophetesses, they who are ignorant in these Studies, and Strangers to the Prophetic Stile, will not allow that 'tis possible to understand them. To which I answer, that St. John's Angel commanded him not to seal up the Prophesies, for the time was at hand, *Chap. 22, ver. 10.* And *Chap. 1. ver. 3*, he calls them *Blessed* that read and hear the Prophesies of that Book : And *Daniel, chap. 12, ver. 10.* *None of the wicked shall*

shall understand, but the wise shall understand. And since the *Jews* told *Herod*, from the Old Prophets, that **CHRIST** should be born at *Bethlehem*, and they then expected the *Messiah*, why should it be thought absurd that we may now observe that *Antichrist* is risen, and that none can answer his Character but the present *Ottoman* in the East ? Christ reproves the perverseness of the *Jews*, for not observing the Signs deliver'd them in the Prophesies, *Mat. 16.* ver. 3. *Ye Hypocrites ! can you discern the face of the Sky, but cannot discern the signs of the Times ?* These things are plainly deliver'd in the Prophesies above-mention'd, the Conversion of the *Gentiles* after the Destruction of *Jerusalem*, the Division and Fall of the *Roman Empire*, the Rise of *Antichrist* in the East, and the Whore in the West ; and the next great thing we expect is the Return of the *Jews*, the Fall of the Whore, and afterwards of *Antichrist*, the Resurrection of the Just, and the *Millennium* ; these are so plainly describ'd, that we cannot mistake them, though the nice Computations, and some other Circumstances, may remain uncertain till the Events explain them. The Historical Order must be observ'd in the Interpretation of Prophesies by Events, which always succeed one another in order ; and the Prophesies are only Symbolical Pictures of the History, and must keep the Order in which they are successively deliver'd : What is want-